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KING'S BIRTHDAY HONOURS

Mr. Morse Knighted: Mr. MacIntosh's CMG SIX CHINESE IN LIST

Seventeen Hong Kong residents and Government officials, including Mr. Arthur Morse, Chief Manager of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, and Mr. D. W. MacIntosh, Commissioner of Police, have been honoured with awards in the King's Birthday Honours List.

Mr. Morse has received a Knighthood and Mr. MacIntosh has been awarded the CMG. Mr. G. D. Binstead, Staff Officer, Auxiliaries, Police Headquarters, has been awarded the MBE.

Among the honoured are six Chinese including Mr. Ko Chouk-hung, Chairman of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, and Mr. Lee Iu-chung who have been awarded the MBE.

Four Fatal Rabies Cases

Four fatal cases of animal rabies were recorded during the week ended May 21. It was officially stated yesterday. This brings the number of animal rabies cases since the beginning of the year to seven, all fatal.

In the same week three deaths from measles, 53 from tuberculosis, one from whooping cough, and one from diphtheria were reported to the medical authorities.

Deaths from all causes during the period under review totalled 252 as against 751 births.

SHANGHAI BAN ON SILVER?

Shanghai, June 8.

A ban on the circulation and trading of silver dollars in Shanghai is believed to be imminent as the "Liberation Daily," organ of the Chinese Communist Party, for the third consecutive day today carried articles and letters demanding such action by the authorities.

Local financial circles blame silver dollar speculators for the continued decline in the value of Jen Min Piao, which depreciated another 20 per cent today against gold, foreign currencies and silver dollars.

In Wush, industrial Shanghai-Nanking railway centre, 70 miles west of Shanghai, the circulation of silver dollars is already banned on the grounds that fluctuations in the silver market are disturbing the purchasing power of the Jen Min Piao and hampering normal development of industry and commerce as well as damaging the living of the people.

Silver dollars were traded in Shanghai today around 1,700 as compared with only 400 ten days ago, United States dollars at nearly 1,500 and gold bars at 120,000 per ounce.

The trade department of the Military Control Commission will announce additional import and export regulations shortly.—Reuter.

The Weather

At 0600 GMT (11 p.m. HKST) the depression over Shikoku is almost stationary or is moving slowly ENE. Its trough extends S and W across Central Formosa to a depression over N. Tonkin. Pressure has fallen over the Philippines with the retreat E of the Pacific high pressure ridge.

Today's Forecast: Moderate, or fresh winds from S-SW. Weather mainly clear with squally showers heavy at times.

Yesterday's Weather: Maximum 82.1 deg. Fahr. Minimum 62.1 deg. Fahr. Sunshine 5.5 hours. Rainfall 0.8 mm. 0.04 in. Total since Jan. 1—580.1 mm. 22.83 in. at 120,000 per ounce.

Readings at 10 a.m. 10 p.m. Bar. at sea level 1008.1 1002.1 mb. Equal 75.1 74.9 in. Hg. Rel. Humidity 79 84 % Wind Force 12 10 mph Wind Direction SW by W SW Wind Force 12 10 mph Tide at 10 a.m. 0.99 ft. at 10 p.m. 0.81 ft. Low 0.61 ft. High 1.29 ft.

Crime Prevention

MBE: Mr. Geoffrey Dent Binstead, Mr. Binstead has done much in the past three years to develop the organization and control of traffic in the Colony. He has also done much in the sphere of crime prevention particularly in building up a fleet of vehicles for special duties and in developing the use of radio which has had a tremendous deterrent effect upon the incidence of crime.

MBE: Mr. Lee Iu-chung, Mr. Lee has done very good work in the past three years in connection with the Tung Wah Group of Hospitals. As a member of the Medical Committee of these Hospitals he has done much to develop the use of Western medicine. He has also served as Member of the Tenancy Tribunal and has a very high reputation for ability and integrity.

MBE: Mr. Norman B. Fraser, Mr. Fraser has been District Superintendent of the New Territories Division for the past two years and has done much training and inspiring his subordinates in the use of modern police measures against crime.

MBE: Miss Ivy Nicol Watkins, SRN, SCM, Miss Watkins as Sister Tutor has played a very big part in developing the training of nurses in the Government Service. Since her return to the Colony after hostilities she has overcome many of the post war difficulties and problems and now holds the post of Principal Matron in the Medical Department.

OBE (Honorary): Dr. Ho Koon-tsun, L.S.M., Dr. Ho Koon-tsun joined the Eastern Chinese Public Dispensary in 1907 and, owing to shortage of funds, undertook the work of a maternity hospital in addition to his duties at the Dispensary. During the occupation he continued his good work and shouldered much of the financial burden himself. He is widely known and respected as a wise counsellor as well as a doctor.

OBE (Honorary): Captain Henrique Alberto de Barros Botelho, Captain Botelho has served loyally for more than 20 years as a member of the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, and for the past year has been a most energetic member of the Defence Force.

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REINFORCEMENTS FOR HONG KONG

Southampton, June 8.

Further reinforcements for the Hong Kong garrison will sail in the troopship Empire Trooper on Friday.

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VAD's Arm In Arm Off For Hong Kong



Nurses of the Royal Navy Voluntary Aid Detachment take a turn round the deck of the troopship "Dilwara" shortly after they boarded the vessel at Southampton. Left to right: Naina Beaven of Portsmouth; Lillian Norton of Bristol; Elizabeth Beckwith of Chelmsford; Nora Coates of Hull; Mollie McIntosh of Wolverhampton and Minto Walls of Fife, Scotland. With men of the 1st Battalion Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, and of the Royal Army Service Corps, they sailed to Hong Kong.—(AP Photo)

WANCHAI GUN BATTLE: THREE ROBBERS DEAD

Three armed robbers were shot dead and a European sailor wounded in a gun battle in Wanchai between seven policemen under a European Inspector and the gangsters shortly after 5 p.m. yesterday.

Meanwhile, rumours, which could not be confirmed officially, were circulating last night of trouble at Tai-O, where, according to reports, a Chinese police sergeant and 10 constables were surrounded by an armed gang of 40 men on the beach and forced to surrender their weapons and ammunition.

No confirmation could be obtained from police sources. Another story, also unconfirmed, was that an attack had been made on Tai-O police station.

The Wanchai shooting began when the police party, acting on information that an armed robbery was to be committed in Lockhart Road, challenged three Chinese at the junction of Luard Road and Lockhart Road.

Two of the three men immediately drew their revolvers and, taking cover behind the stalls and wooden boxes, began shooting at the police.

The other man tried to run away but was chased by Detective Choy Fak. As he was running he tried to draw his revolver but was shot before he could open fire. He died at the Queen Mary Hospital.

During the exchange of fire between the police and the two remaining robbers, the police wounded a European sailor in the leg.

The 45 houses, remnants of a former settlement of 120 similar stone-built structures, are occupied by former owner-occupants of buildings on what is now Kai Tak Airfield. Their homes were taken away from them by the Japanese for extending the airfield, and like other displaced householders, they formed themselves into a group and settled at Kowloon Chai.

When Government announced the Kai Tak compensation scheme, these people would not accept cash compensation, but asked for land in Kowloon where they could build their houses and live in them.

Their occupation of Kowloon Chai was left undisturbed by Government, though sometimes in year they were asked to take out temporary permits, say the occupants.

Then the Metropolitan Construction Company started to fill in the land adjacent to the settlement.

Representations were immediately made to the Public Works Department who were sympathetic, but it would appear they could do little to stop the Metropolitan Construction Company from going on with their site formation.

The Metropolitan Construction Company, it was alleged by the settlers, said they were carrying on the work for the Braga Housing Scheme, that the land, embracing an area of 10,000 square feet, had been sold to them by Government, and that in effect the settlers were trespassers on their land.

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Expert's Report On Efficiency In Government

A comprehensive survey on the organisational methods and staff of the Hong Kong Government, prepared by Mr. S. S. Ross, Organisation and Methods Advisor, has been completed.

The survey contains a number of recommendations to make the Hong Kong Government a more efficient and economic organisation that it is at present.

The recommendations include proposals for some new departments including an Organisation and Methods Branch. It is proposed that after operational experience following adoption of the recommendations, the Organisation and Methods Branch should make a further survey to stop up efficiency beyond the recommended level.

It is also suggested that the Establishment Branch should review the grades of officers affected by the re-organisation recommended.

Mr. Ross stated that the survey should be regarded as a first attempt to provide an efficient and economic organisation. The way, he added, has been shown where efficiency can be increased, and economies made in cost, time and effort at the same time creating the minimum inconvenience to the immediate work of the Secretariat.

Recommendations have been made for the re-distribution of functions, simplification of procedure and staff reductions. A number of these recommendations were discussed with the officers responsible at the time the survey was being made, and when agreement was reached, and it was considered practical to adopt a recommendation, this has been done.

The bulk of this report remains to be adopted and the recommendations that will be made by the Secretary have given his decisions on the principles involved. An officer should be placed on special duty for seeing that appropriate action is taken to implement those decisions and to report, when in his view, action is being unduly delayed.

Summaries of the recommendations follow:

Administrative machine: Clerk of Councils should be an officer other than the Deputy Colonial Secretary, and another Clerk of Councils should be appointed. The post of Personal Assistant to the Deputy Colonial Secretary should be abolished. Political, Defence and Home Affairs should form a Branch. The title of Political Adviser should be abolished and the holder of the post join up with the Defence Branch. A Clerk of Councils should be employed full time advising on Organisation and Methods. An Executive Officer should assist the Administrative Officer on Organisation and Methods work and with named exceptions, officers should be known as Assistant Secretaries. (Continued on Page 4)

Guerrilla units in North Kwangtung yesterday destroyed the Sha-Hon bridge on the 400-ton-Hankow railway 80 North of Canton.

Nationalist troops were to the scene after a repair was fired on and driven from scene. Railroad authorities the repair work will be completed tomorrow.

This is the most serious of the increasingly active guerrilla operations in Northern Kwangtung. Minor skirmishes have occurred in Ying Teh, Chi and Nam Hung districts, the same general area.

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Emergency Or Not?

Sir,—Now that we are so fortunate as to have in our midst no less a person than the Defence Minister, Mr. A. V. Alexander, perhaps we may be able to obtain the answer to a problem which has been vexing us for the past few weeks.

Army Regulations state, quite unequivocally, that under no circumstances will the wives and families of servicemen be sent to an area in which a State of Emergency is declared to exist. Today the T/S "Lancashire" arrived bringing a large number of service families, ergo it can be assumed that no State of Emergency exists in Hong Kong.

On the other hand, within the past few weeks we have seen Government requisition many private properties, in one instance part of a wharf—the property of a company that was just about to commence business—on the authority of the Emergency Ordinance.

Obviously there is something wrong somewhere. Either there is no state of emergency—in which case the service families are entitled to be brought here—but it would seem Government is not justified in requisitioning private property for military use under the Emergency Ordinance—or, alternatively, a state of emergency does exist—in which case Government is entitled to requisition private property but service families should not be arriving here at this time.

We hold no brief for the owners of the requisitioned properties, far from it, in many cases they are getting what they deserve, but there is a question of principle involved perhaps. Mr. Alexander will be good enough to tell us how he reconciles these seemingly irreconcilable facts.

"W."

Rice Racket

Sir,—Having read in your paper the few letters by "W" on the rice racket I sent a communication to the Rice Merchants' Association of Hong Kong, and enclosed a clipping from your "Mail" in which it was alleged that the Association would supply a bag of rice at the rationed price plus some transportation fees.

The Association promptly answered me and sent me a list of retailer shops that are supposed to sell these "cheap" rice bags. The reply was written in Chinese, full of evasive technique characteristic of the mandarin styles which are employed when dealing with the real purpose.

The Association promised that any "cheap" rice bags would be sold at \$58.80 per picul. If one shop does not supply them I could approach the Association which would immediately see that I shall be taken care of. I will have to wait and see if the Association simply lets me down.

You can imagine why people who can afford to buy a bag of rice would not take such a risk and trouble.

I tried to find out who these retailers were. The irony is many of them were found in the Japanese Telephone Directory.

I was not in Hong Kong when the Mikado ruled here, but I have longed enough about the arrogant and overbearing attitude of the Japanese Rice Syndicate. So I have not taken the advantage yet.

T.K.T.

Naturalisation

Sir,—Our Public Relations Officer, in keeping with the majority of Senior Government Officials, is apparently living in the clouds and is entirely ignorant of the fact that while there is no mystery about any of the laws in force in this Colony, members of the public are, on the whole, subjected to a considerable amount of unnecessary inconvenience and retardation when they attempt to comply with the requirements of the law.

When one studies any particular Ordinance in order to obtain an idea as to the different steps which one must take to secure a certificate, licence or permit, everything is as simple as ABC. Yet, when the average individual attempts to put the law into practice, he is invariably confronted with obstacles which are not covered by Ordinance.

These remarks apply also in the case of the British Nationality Act 1948.

Strangely enough, the obstacles to which reference has been made are not placed in the way of Europeans and a privileged class of Chinese, who receive special consideration and priority in all matters.

SIMPLE SIMON.

Trade Mark Alleged To Be False

A. T. Chiba, manager of Abdoallah, Ibrahim and Company, 20, Stanley Street was cautioned in the JP court at Central yesterday on a summons for possessing a consignment of "Knight" brand torches bearing a false trade description.

It was alleged by the prosecution that the torches bore the words "made in Hong Kong", but were actually made in Canton.

The prosecuting officer said that on May 4, while RI Dewar was searching incoming passengers from Canton on board the ss Hong Kong, he came across a woman with 10 boxes of the torches. The woman said that she had bought these from a travelling trader in Canton and was delivering them to the defendant.

The goods were ordered to be confiscated.

ALEXANDER STATEMENT ON POSITION OF HONG KONG



Mr. A. V. Alexander, Britain's Defence Minister, snapped at his press conference yesterday. ("China Mail" Photo).

King's Birthday Honours

(Continued from Page 1)
150: Mr. Denis William Phillips. Mr. Phillips joined the Sanitary Department in 1920. Before the war he did very good work in the Labour Department, and after release from internment, though far from well, he commenced the re-organisation of factories with none of the pre-war records to assist him. From his return from leave until his recent departure on retirement he held the post of Chief Labour Inspector with great credit, working long hours and maintaining a consistently high standard.

BEM (Civil): Chief Inspector William Strickland McHardy. Mr. McHardy has been second in command of the New Territories Division for the past two years and has shown consistent zeal and initiative in operations against armed marauders, many times under fire. His reliability and resource have been an inspiration to his colleagues.

Police Officials
CPM: for Meritorious Service have been awarded to three police officials. They are: Inspector Christopher Dowling. He has a splendid record of crime during the past two years. He holds 15 commendations for outstanding work, including one from the Governor, and is a tireless and inspiring worker in the effort to maintain good order in the colony.

Sub-Inspector Wallace Lawrence Kinloch. Mr. Kinloch has an outstanding record of courageous conduct, having been twice commended by the Governor and three times by the Commissioner during the past three years. He has always shown keenness, initiative and cheerfulness in difficult and dangerous operations, and has inspired his Chinese subordinates to a high standard of duty under difficult conditions.

Sub-Inspector John Richard Sykes. Mr. Sykes has an outstanding record of service in the prevention and detection of crime during the past two years, and has been commended by the Commissioner no fewer than 16 times during that period. He has shown zeal and initiative which have been an inspiration to his subordinates, and have materially contributed to the peace and good order of the Colony during the difficult re-occupation period.

Certificates of Honour

In addition to the Birthday Honours conferred by the King, Certificates of Honour have been awarded by the Governor to Mr. Ma Tui-chui, JP and Mr. Ng Wah, JP. Mr. Ma Tui-chui has rendered long and loyal service to the Colony. He works quietly behind the scenes and has never failed to give his help when called upon to do so. He has served on the Po Leung Kuk Committee, as Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Tung Wah Hospital, on the District Watch Committee, the Permanent Advisory Board of the Tung Wah Hospitals and on the Executive Committee, Hong Kong Street Guards.

Mr. Ng Wah has rendered long and loyal service to the Colony and is held in high esteem by the Chinese community. During the 1925 strike maintained 600 to 700 workmen on work at the Tytan

The policy of His Majesty's Government is scrupulously to avoid involvement in a war on the Chinese mainland, but at the same time we are no less resolved in our determination to protect the territory for which we hold a direct responsibility.

This statement was made by Mr. A. V. Alexander, Minister of Defence, now visiting in the Colony at a Press conference held at the Colonial Secretariat yesterday morning.

Hong Kong has long had a tradition of neutrality and non-interference in the politics of China. All political parties, Kuomintang and Communists, have enjoyed the benefits of this neutrality, subject of course to our laws and refraining from action that might damage relations between H.M. Government and the Government of China.

Our objective is to maintain the best possible relationship with whatever may be the Government of China, said Mr. Alexander.

At the conference, the Defence Minister answered questions from about 30 local and visiting Pressmen, all bearing on the Colony's defence.

What prompted your visit out here? This was one of the first questions. Mr. Alexander replied that it was the situation in this part of the world, which was one of flux and difficulties, and as Defence Minister he naturally wanted to study the situation on the spot.

Military Or Political

Is the defence of Hong Kong primarily military or political? To this the Defence Minister replied that it was overall in nature as any defence plan must be in this modern age.

What are your conclusions after your study of the defence situation here? Mr. Alexander said he would have to report his conclusions first to his Government, and could not make "any statement" at this stage.

Would not your emphasis on the military aspect of the situation prejudice the political side of it?

Mr. Alexander said that the policy of His Majesty's Government in this matter should be quite clear, after the statement made to the House of Commons on May 5. Any forces brought here are for the Colony's internal security, and not for its involvement in any war on the Chinese mainland.

Are you satisfied with the internal situation in Hong Kong? Mr. Alexander replied that he supposed in these days no Minister of Defence was ever satisfied with what he had on hand on any subject in the political sphere. I always take steps to improve, he added with a smile.

To ensure internal security of Hong Kong, will there be imposition of restrictions on people coming into the Colony later on? That, said Mr. Alexander, was a question up to the Hong Kong Government to answer. In so far as the attitude of His Majesty's Government was concerned, that had been clearly set out in his statement to the House of Commons on May 5.

Overall Outlook

"Our policy," continued Mr. Alexander, "is motivated solely by our desire and determination to prevent the present unsettled situation in China from endangering the welfare and safety of the people of Hong Kong, or from hampering the legitimate trade of Hong Kong. That's the overall outlook guiding our action."

Asked if Washington had been consulted on what we were doing out here, the Defence Minister said that was a question for the "other" Minister.

Would an attack by the Communists across the border mean war? To this the Defence Minister replied it would depend on circumstances, whether the attack was big or small, and whether it was by land or by sea.

Are the Communists or the Nationalists the greater of the two threats to the Colony? In reply Mr. Alexander said: "You don't expect me to make a statement on this. I don't know from what angle you wish to put the question."

Another journalist drew the Defence Minister's attention to a report in yesterday's "China Mail" quoting the Red Radio as accusing the British Government of anti-Chinese policy in Hong Kong. Mr. Alexander said he had no comments to make until he had studied the matter.

Mr. Alexander, in reply to another question, said he held no conference while at Salgon.

He also denied a syndicated report carried in "Worldwide" paper that H.M. Government were in variance with the Service Chiefs over the question of Far Eastern defence. There was no such disagreement, he said.

Asked if any progress had been made in negotiations with the Reds for the release of H.M. Amethyst, Mr. Alexander said they were still under way and he did not wish to make any statement at this stage.

Circumstances

Questioned further on Hong Kong's defence, Mr. Alexander would not comment on whether the position today is better than it was in 1941. "Circumstances are different," was his curt reply. He was pleased with the voluntary spirit shown by some people coming forward to join the Colony's Defence Force, and he expressed the hope that more of such people would come forward.

Are the present strength and resources adequate for the defence of Hong Kong? Mr. Alexander replied that our resources were not limited to what we already have here.

Does that mean additional resources would be available, if the need arises?

"I've said what I have to say," replied the Defence Minister with a broad smile, countering all further questions on the Colony's resources with the remark that he could not make any statement on matters concerning military intelligence.

Building Ordinance Amendment

Alternative penalties for architects whose conducts are brought to the notice of the Governor in Council, instead of removal from the authorised list as at present, are provided in the amendment to the Building Ordinance, read for the first time in Legislative Council yesterday.

Explaining the reason for the amendment Mr. J. B. Griffin, the Attorney General, informed Council that with the past year there had been cases where the Governor in Council had considered that while an authorised architect could be regarded as blameworthy, yet he had not displayed a degree of unfitness or unsuitability which would justify so severe a penalty as removal from the list of authorised architects.

In such cases," continued the Attorney General, "the conduct in question has seemed to warrant a less severe penalty, such as that of censure accompanied by publicity of the fact of censure."

Mr. Griffin said clause 5 of the principal Ordinance had accordingly been amended to provide censure as an alternative to removal from the authorised list.

The amendment also provided that upon and order for removal or censure being made by the Governor in Council, such order shall be published by notification in the Gazette.

Mr. Griffin said there was precedent for this procedure.

The motion was seconded by the Financial Secretary, and carried unanimously.

REPARATIONS FROM JAPAN

The effect of the statement by General McCloy of the United States Army that no further industrial plant is to be removed from Japan as reparations is now being considered by His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom.

A further statement will be made as soon as more details are received.

The above statement was made by the Financial Secretary, Mr. C. G. S. Follows, in reply to a question asked by Sir Man-kam Lo in the Legislative Council yesterday.

Sir Man-kam asked how and to what extent the Colony's position would be affected by the recent announcement as to stoppage of removal of industrial plants from Japan towards Japanese reparations.

Quarantine restrictions have been imposed against arrivals from Bandung on account of plague. Quarantine restrictions imposed against arrivals from Bagdad on account of smallpox have been removed.

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The Port Welfare Committee, which runs the Merchant Navy Club, the first of its kind in Hong Kong, met at the recently rehabilitated Club premises at Chatham Road yesterday to discuss the progress of its activities. The official opening ceremony of the Club is expected to be held by the end of June. ("China Mail" photo).

New Club For Men Of All Merchant Navies

Seamen of any nationality visiting the Colony will find warm hospitality at the Merchant Navy Club, Chatham Road, Kowloon, opposite Gun Club Hill, where provisions for recreational facilities are now in the making.

The Port Welfare Committee, which runs the organisation, the first of its kind in Hong Kong, met at the Club yesterday to discuss the progress of its activities.

Though it has not been officially opened, the Club premises have been utilised by personnel of many ships which have called here since October last year. Many soccer games have been played on the MN Sports Ground. Any seaman becomes a member automatically as soon as his ship enters port.

The opening ceremony is expected to be held by the end of this month. Arrangements are under way.

The site of the Club House is the former Kowloon Football Club. This was recently rehabilitated and today is resplendent with its cream walls and green windows.

In the Club itself there are a spacious modern-looking bar, a large hall which can be used for indoor games, like billiards or ping-pong or for a dance floor, dressing rooms with showers and a cosy reading room. The wide porch can also provide extra accommodation for indoor recreation.

In front of the Club is the football field which has already witnessed many fine matches between ship's personnel.

Tennis Courts

Behind is a touch-up pavilion. In between the Club House and this structure is an open space still in the raw. When treated, however, it can be used either as a bowling green or tennis courts, probably the latter.

An application has been made for a liquor licence. Snacks and soft drinks, meanwhile, are being served to visitors. For indoor recreation ping-pong tables and dart boards will be put in the hall.

Contributions have been made in kind and cash by Government, several shipping firms and other public organisations. Reading matter in the form of magazines, novels and books will be welcomed from the public.

Contact regarding such donations can be made either with Reverend F. W. Weaver, Chaplain of the Sailors' Home and, Seamen's Institute, Gloucester Road, (28074), Chairman of the Port Welfare Committee, or Mr. A. S. Banks, Honorary Secretary of the Committee, c/o Marine Office, (Tel. 39641).

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LOK SANG SHOOTING: VERDICT AT KOWLOON

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Direct radio-telephone service between Hong Kong and America will be officially opened today, the "China Mail" learned yesterday. The rates will be HK\$48 for a three-minute call, and HK\$10 for every additional minute. Throughout yesterday, Cable and Wireless were in contact with America by radio-telephone. The service will be available to the general public from today.

The shooting on board the ss. Lok Sang, on June 4, resulting in the death of a Chinese soldier, had a sequel at Kowloon yesterday, when a five-hour inquest into the death of Wong Sing-chi, aged 34, was held. Accidental death was the verdict returned by Mr. J. Wicks, sitting as Coroner.

Mr. D. L. Strellett held a watching brief on behalf of the crew members of the ss. Lok Sang. Mr. A. S. C. Comber held a watching brief on behalf of the Indo-China Navigation Company, and Detective Sub-Inspector W. H. Summers conducted the inquiry.

Dr. R. E. Alvarez in evidence, said that the body of the deceased was well built but decomposed. An apparent wound by entry of a bullet was found on the right side of the chest. The cause of death was due to injury to the heart and lungs, resulting in internal haemorrhage and shock. Inspector G. Fukuzawa of the Police Armaments Department, said that on June 4, he received a Sten gun and magazine loaded with bullets from DSI Summers. The Sten gun, witness said, was a dangerous weapon and could be discharged without fully pulling the bolt.

Ronald B. Todd, chief officer of the ss. Lok Sang, testified that in the afternoon of June 3, the ship left Kowloon for Hong Kong. Guards were put on duty at the gangway to prevent soldiers from entering their way on board. On the morning of June 4, witnesses and the chief commander decided to collect legitimate tickets and to ascertain the number of passengers who evaded fares. Most of the passengers were on the main-deck and on the tween decks.

No Intention Of Firing

He told the passengers to remain in the deck when he collected tickets. The passengers refused and shouting began.

Witnesses then went up to the main deck and picked up a Sten gun which a guard had left behind the door of the anti-aircraft grille. While entering the tween decks, witnesses heard a shot, and he realised that someone must have been injured. He dropped the gun and went back to the grille. A guard picked up the gun from behind.

Witness further said that he heard someone shouting "I'm injured, you hurt someone." He immediately went to look for the ship's doctor, and at the same time, he reported to the master that an accidental shot had gone off.

It was part of his duty to suppress any noise and he had no intention or reason to use the gun. "I do not know how the gun went off," said witness. Evidence was then given by deceased's uncle, the chief commander, the doctor of the ss. Lok Sang, and the senior guard in charge of the anti-aircraft guards.

No Blame

In his finding, the Coroner said that deceased died as a result of a Sten gun bullet wound on board the ship while on the tween decks. The Sten gun was being carried by the Chief Officer, R. B. Todd, while in the proper and regular execution of his duties on board. The shot was fired accidentally in a manner unknown.

It was most probable that the bolt was drawn back by catching in the catch or was jerked back through the gravity action of the bolt. No blame was attached to the Chief Officer, and everything possible was done to aid the deceased through the immediate attendance of the ship's doctor.

Tenancy Decision Upheld

An appeal in connection with a tenancy dispute was dismissed with costs and the decision of a Tenancy Tribunal upheld by Mr. Justice Williams, Phipps Judge, at the Appeal Court yesterday.

The appeal, which was brought by the Sun Cheong Goldsmiths, of 228 Queen's Road Central, was against the decision of a Tenancy Tribunal which gave an order for the possession of the said premises to Mrs. Kwan, Wang-chi, landlady, of 14 Hin Hon Road.

Appellants, opponents in the original hearing, were represented by Mr. M. A. da Silva, Kwan was represented by Mr. D. A. L. Wright instructed by Mr. P. J. Griffiths.

At yesterday's hearing, both counsel forwarded their case and submissions on the matter, after which Mr. Williams gave his decision.

Funeral

A large gathering of friends and relatives as well as various Chinese social organisations paid their last respects yesterday to the late Lady Chan Chak, who died on Tuesday morning at St. Teresa's Hospital.

Lady Chan Chak was the wife of Admiral Sir Andrew Chan Chak, Deputy Director of the Canton Pacification Headquarters and former Mayor of Canton.

The funeral took place at the Chinese Permanent Cemetery, Tsan Wan, following an impressive cortege, held at the St. Teresa's Hospital. Prayers were read by the Reverend Li Kau-yah. The late Lady Chan Chak is survived by her husband and 10 children, three of whom are now in the United States.

INDECENT ASSAULT

A fine of \$200 or two months' imprisonment in default was passed at Central yesterday, on Chan Tin a shop fook for indecently assaulting a Chinese woman.

The complainant, Wan Ching, wah, aged 25 and married, stated that at 10.50 p.m. on June 8, she was on her way to Shaukiwan to visit a friend. When she was walking across the main road, defendant came up from behind her, and touched her.

She grabbed hold of him and asked him what he was doing. Defendant, said "nothing," and tried to run away. The aid of a police constable was sought and defendant was arrested.

Widow On Harbours Charge

A Canadian-born Chinese widow, Chung Mui, aged 34, was sentenced at Central yesterday to six months' hard labour and recommended for banishment, for harbouring a girl under 21.

Inspector C. T. Byron of the SCA, told the court that the girl Au So-nui, aged 19, was staying with her elder sister at 23, Eastern Street, 2nd floor. Four days ago she was offered a job as a dancer in a dancing troupe at \$2 a day.

On June 4, while she was watching one of the troupe performances, defendant approached her and offered to keep her. She was taken to a hut in Wong Nei Chung Road, and kept there for four days.

On finding that she was missing, her employer informed her sister, who reported the matter to the Police.

SUPPLEMENTARY EXPENDITURE

Supplementary provision for the third quarter of 1948, amounting to HK\$4,802,508, was approved by Legislative Council yesterday.

The largest item on the schedule was a sum of HK\$1,312,107 for increase in salaries to Grant School Staff 1947-48.

The Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps accounted for HK\$1,041,580.

FORGERY CHARGE IN KOWLOON

At the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday before Mr. Wicks, Wong Ming and Mak Kai, both unemployed were charged with having demanded from Yeung Yiu-sang the sum of \$10 on a forged agreement to purchase a copy of the Hong Kong Government Gazette.

Leung Chi-ping, third defendant, was charged with having forged a document, namely an agreement to purchase a copy of the Hong Kong Government Gazette, which was purported to have been made between defendant Leung and Yeung Yiu-sang.

Sub-Inspector Wall conducted the case for the prosecution and Mr. R. H. Sin appeared on behalf of the three defendants. Mr. Sin pleaded guilty for the first two defendants but guilty for the third defendant.

Inspector Wall, in relating the facts to the Magistrate, stated that this was an unusual case. He said that Yeung Chi-ping, sent circular letters to various people from whom he obtained receipt for these circulars.

He then erased the ink portion of the receipt, leaving the chops of various firms behind. Then in the erased portion he printed an agreement under which the recipient purported to agree to purchase a copy of the Government Gazette for \$10. He then sent first and second defendants with the Gazette to the various firms and by producing the forged agreement he collected various sums from them. The matter was ingenious, continued the Inspector.

In mitigation Mr. Sin said that his client was more of a fool than a criminal. Defendant was anxious to push the sale of these Gazettes, hence he devised the means mentioned. Mr. Sin added that the Gazette itself was a very useful and valuable document as Government was churning out law every week and the Chinese merchants would come to translated copy as to be fully conversant with the existing law.

The customers had in fact got the value for the money because the price of \$10 is printed on each copy so that they were not defrauded at all, although it must be admitted that the document was a forgery.

He appealed to the Magistrate to deal with the accused under the powers vested in him by the Magistrate (Amendment) Ordinance, 1943 in cases of this kind, as the accused was not a criminal in the true sense of the word. After consideration, the Magistrate bound Leung over in the sum of \$250 to be on good behaviour for two years. The first and second defendants were discharged.

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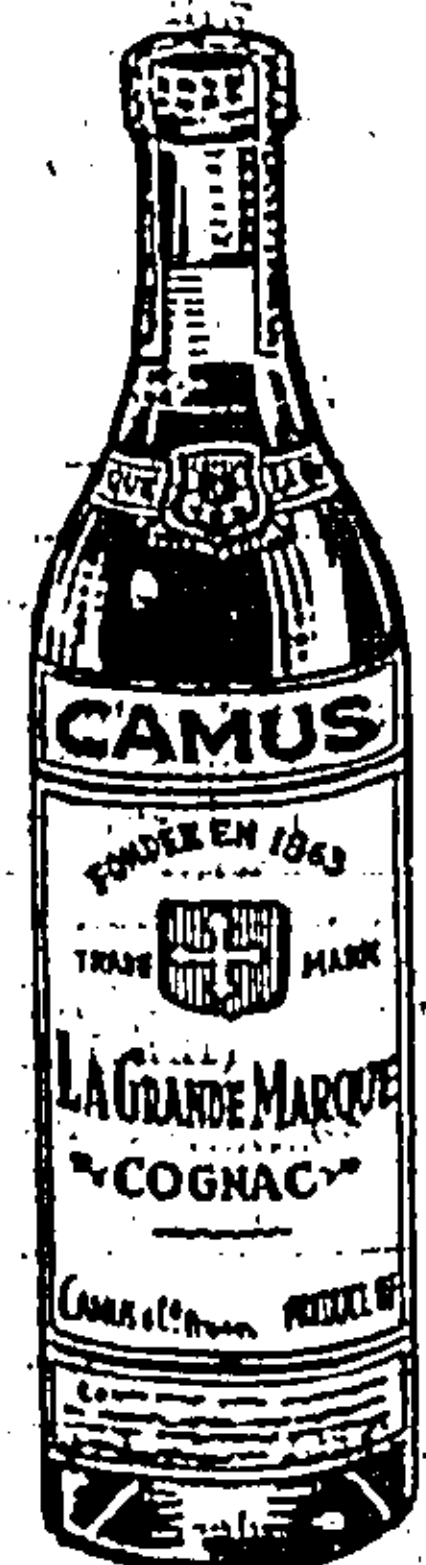
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Welfare Schemes

Regarding the Colonial Development and Welfare Committee the work of which has been suspended pending the appointment of a Special Adviser, the recommendations state:

(1) All proposed schemes affecting Development and Welfare should be referred to the Colonial Development and Welfare Committee who should advise on the schemes before their approval.

(2) One Assistant Colonial Secretary should be responsible for the subjects of Colonial Development and Welfare.

(3) There should be a central authority to plan, record and administratively control the progress of development schemes.

"Financial Branch: The authority of the Deputy Financial Secretary should be such as to relieve the Financial Secretary of the necessity for considering routine and simple matters. Provision of a wider clerical service. Pension papers should not be sent to the Financial Branch but to the Accountant General.

"Exchange Control: Instructions should be codified. Banks should be consulted with the view to abolishing the confirmation of permits. The usefulness of reports and records should be constantly under review. Abolish the register of inward correspondence. Outward correspondence should be mechanically addressed for regular correspondence. Abolish the Export Account Ledger. Abolish unnecessary memo writing. Reduce the recording in and the size of Ledger C.S. 30. Excessive use of typewriter should be avoided.

Defence Branch

Home and Defence Branch: The work of the Political Adviser and the Defence Branch should be merged into one Branch known as the Home and Defence Branch. This registry should be combined with the Confidential Registry. "Secret" files should continue to be stored in the strong room.

Establishment Branch: The Branch should be responsible for policy, promotions, discipline and for general establishment matters of Cadet Officers, Heads of Departments and immediate assistants. General Orders should provide for a simplified procedure for dealing with authorised claims for leave, pensions and passages. Cases referred to the Colonial Secretary by this Branch should only be done with the knowledge or permission of the Establishment Officer. The Establishment Officer should be in overall control of his Branch. Use of comprehensive application form for short leave. Proposed reorganisation of the clerical staff.

Methods Branch

Clerk of Councils: The Clerk of Councils should be an officer other than the Deputy Colonial Secretary. The post of Deputy Clerk of Councils should be abolished. Restriction on the number and variation of subjects for which the Clerk of Councils should be responsible. The present Executive Council clerk should be retained for that work.

Organisation and Methods Branch: The work of the Organisation and Methods Branch should be advisory. The Branch should be responsible direct to the Colonial Secretary. The Colonial Secretary should decide on the order in which surveys are to be made. Responsibility for approving the purchase of office machines. When a Department is surveyed for the first time it should second a responsible officer to the O and M Branch for the period of the survey. The report should be implemented by the officer operating on the survey. Opportunistic assignments and system audits should be conducted by trained Departmental officers responsible to their respective Heads of Departments and guidance from the O and M Branch. O and M officers should attend a course of instruction in London. Opportunistic assignments for Secretariat and small Departments should be conducted by the O and M Branch. The Secretariat O and M Branch should establish a library.

Moro Security Measures
Miscellaneous: The sitting of offices occupied by Secretariat staff should be re-planned. Police guards should be on duty until the arrival of the office attendants. The Defence Branch should consider tightening the security measures in the Secretariat building. Greater care should be taken with the use of "Urgent" slips. A less costly "Urgent" slip should be used. Memos and minutes should be prepared requiring the minimum number of words to be written by an approving or replying officer. A private branch exchange should be installed in the Secretariat. It should be considered whether authority should be given to administrative officers to submit cases for routine signature direct to H.E. the Governor. Submission slips should be abolished when documents are self-explanatory. Pre-printed and duplicated replies should be used for inter-departmental uses. O and M Branch should study Circular distribution lists to effect economy. The holiday duty roster should be prepared monthly and H.E.'s Private Secretary informed of variations. The use of the typewriter should be restricted. A systematic plan of training should be adopted. Microfilming essential records.

Office Attendants, Lift Operators, and Office Cleaners: The post of 1 Office Attendant should be abolished. Lift operators in all Government Departments should be under the control of the Public Works Department. The staff of office cleaners should be reduced by 1.

Young Girl Lands In Prison

A Chinese young girl who pawned her master's wrist watch to buy a gold finger ring and a meal landed in jail yesterday.

Charged with larceny in dwelling and breach of deportation order, defendant, Chan Po-tan, aged 17, was sentenced to four months' imprisonment by Mr. F. N. Almeida.

On June 7, while complainant, Li Wan-tan, was taking a bath at 149 Des Voeux Road Central she left her wrist watch in a box on the table.

Returning from the bath she found the watch missing. Defendant was allowed to visit complainant's house for doing some odd jobs from time to time. Li became suspicious of defendant as the latter did not turn up anymore after the loss of her watch.

Later, complainant met defendant on a tramcar. Defendant admitted that she stole the watch and pawned it for \$50.

With the \$50 she bought a gold finger ring and a full meal.

GOLD SEIZURE

Six gold bars, weighing 30 taels were found concealed in the body of each of two passengers on board the ss. Kwong Tung.

They were taken to Queen Mary Hospital where the gold was extracted.

At Central yesterday, defendants were absent to answer the charge of importing gold without licence, and the gold was ordered to be confiscated.

Each of defendant's bail of \$4,000 was also ordered to be arrested.

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At Table 2, West decided to take it easy, first denying any first or second round trick-taking strength with his negative 2 No Trumps. After East showed the diamonds at three, West indicated that his hand was about as fine in support of spades as any holding could be on which you would give a negative first response, his jump to 4-Spades telling East exactly that.

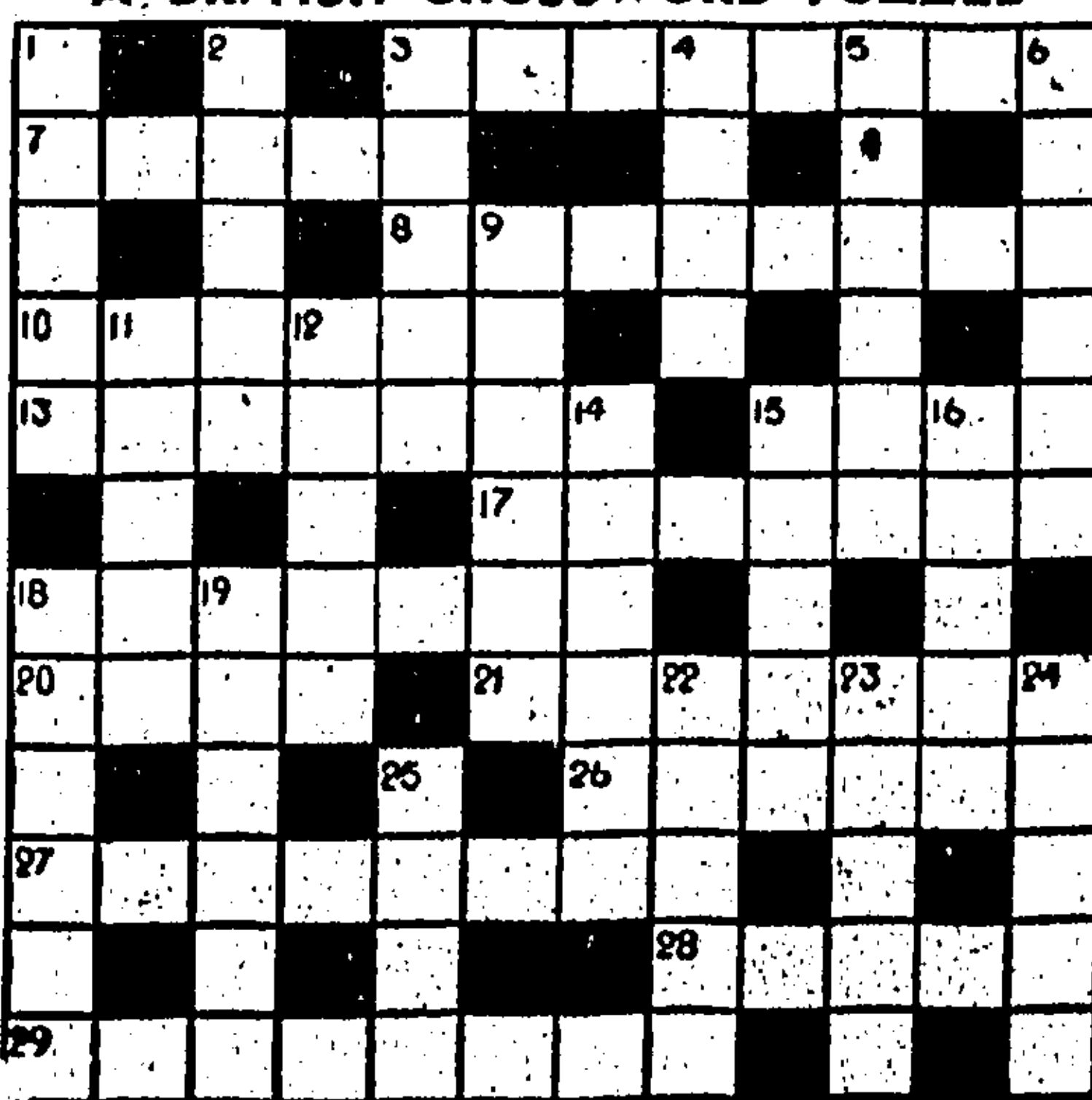
East thereupon decided to probe for the missing heart K, intending to go to grand slam. If West showed it with his Blackwood response, West could not so East settled for the small slam. West's lift to grand slam was based on the fact that East could try the twelve trick contract while lacking two trump honours. Of course the heavy K had to be in the right place for the grand slam to work, but then it was.

Tomorrow's Problem

S 8 4 3
H K 7 5 3
D 10 9 8
C 10 4 2
S 10
H 8 8 4
D Q 6 5 3 2
C Q J 6 5
South. Neither side vulnerable.

At Table 1, West's jump beyond game subjected East to a guesswork proposition. He studied and studied, then finally bid the small slam. All the time, he was sure that whatever he did on that turn would be the last bid of the auction.

A BRITISH CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Across

3 Examines. 20 Metal. 1 Steps. 14 Diminish.
7 Once more. 21 Under- 2 Hut. 15 Dream.
8 Produces. ground cell. 3 Bar of 16 Mistake.
10 Press chief. 26 Middle. 4 Metal. 18 Plundered.
11 Legislator. 27 Amounts 4 Pare. 19 Bog.
15 Grow old. 28 Tendency. 6 After. 22 Birds.
17 Traders. 29 Misery. 9 Uses. homes.
18 Took away. 29 Misery. 9 Wore away. 23 Anaesthetic.
11 Postpone. 24 Necessities.
12 Claw. 25 Brace.

Yesterday's Crossword

ACROSS:—1 Pampas. 5 Oaks. 6 Seats. 9 Scrape. 10 Types. 11 Stool. 12 Bats. 13 Mused. 14 De- fame. 15 Malden. 20 Dross. 22 Damp. 23 Spade. 25 Spruce. 26 Ideal. 17 Slave. 18 Glass. 29 Enlers.

DOWN:—1 Feathered. 2 Mari- time. 3 Asps. 4 Seethed. 5 Otto- man. 6 Asylum. 7 Theme. 16 Separate. 18 Deepness. 19 Dispel. 17 Festive. 19 Amass. 21 Ripe. 24 Elder.

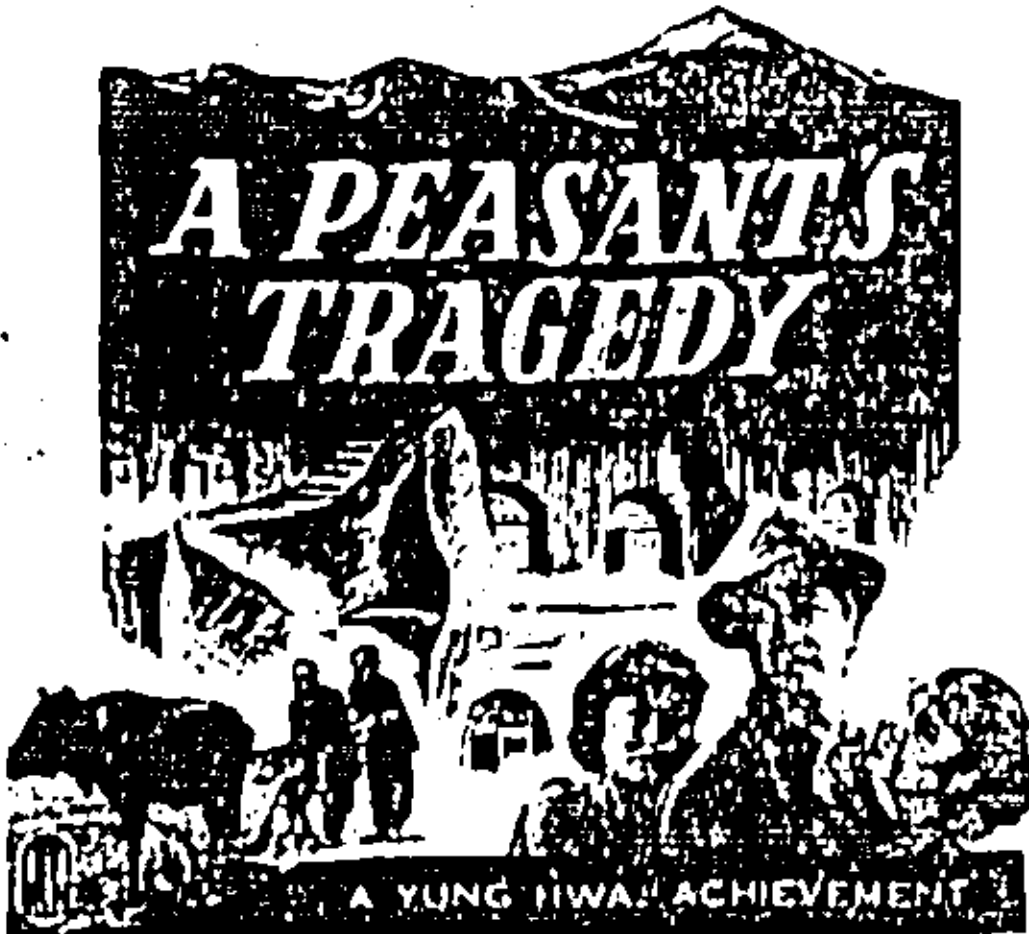
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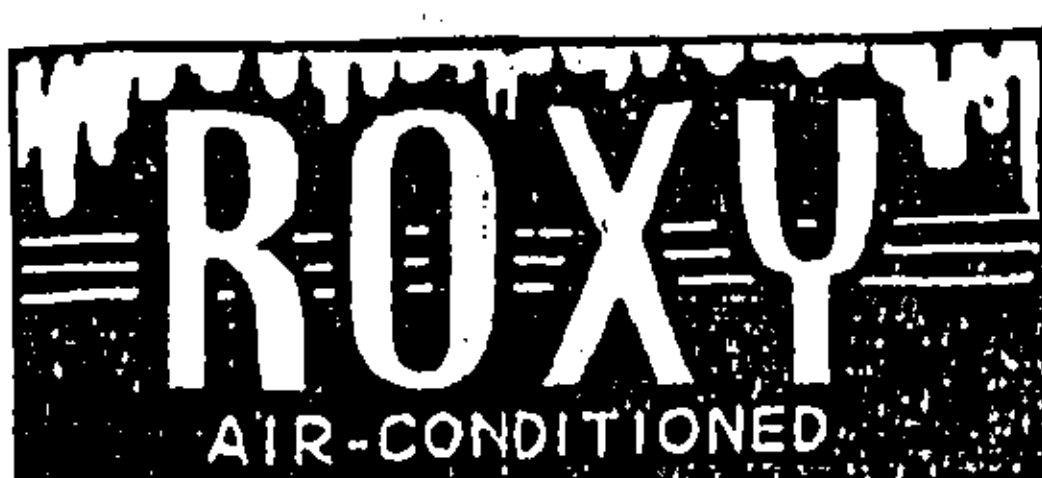


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Israeli Move In Jerusalem

Jerusalem, June 7. Israeli troops early this morning advanced about five-eighths of a mile along a one and a quarter mile front up to the fence surrounding the former Government House in Jerusalem, which is now the Palestine Headquarters of the United Nations.

The Israeli commander in the Jerusalem area, Lieutenant Colonel Meshe Dayan, told correspondents that the move was peaceful except for a few bursts of machine-gun fire from Arabs. There were no casualties.

The United Nations Headquarters this morning protested to the Israeli authorities. The demilitarized area now covers only Government House itself and its immediate grounds.

Israeli farmers have already begun ploughing the land taken over.

In Tel Aviv today, a spokesman commenting on the report, said that this area, although now occupied by the United Nations, was allocated to Israel under the armistice agreement.—Reuter.

San Juan, Puerto Rico, June 7. A converted twin-engined Army transport plane, crammed with perhaps as many as 81 passengers and crewmen, crashed early today off San Juan just after the take-off, with the possible loss of 53 lives.

There are 28 known survivors, including four of the five-member American crew.

However, the Puerto Rican Insular transportation authority and the ticket agency for the airline flying the plane disagreed as to whether there are 45 or 53 persons missing. The missing include the American co-pilot, Al Cockrell.

The Insular Transportation Authority produced an official manifest for the flight showing 81 persons aboard, including 10 children between the ages of one month and 11 years. This leaves a total of 53 dead or missing.

However, Adelardo Gonzalez, manager of Capitol ticket agency, said there had been 73 persons aboard, including five children under two years of age and 10 between the ages of two and 11. The agency serves the operators of the plane, Stratoflight Incorporated, an airline whose home offices are at Windsor Locks, Connecticut.

In New York, a spokesman for the airline said well under 65 adults were aboard. He said the plane had been cleared for the take-off. It was well under the

43,000-pound weight limit, he added.

A Navy tugboat found the plane 400 yards west of a small island near Point Salinas in an estimated 40 feet of water.

Survivor's Story

A passenger, Julio Rosado, described the tragedy: "I boarded the plane last night and took a bucket-style seat near the rear of the plane, which was crowded with men, women and children.

"As we took off, the plane seemed to me to rise with considerable slowness.

"About seven minutes after we were airborne, the engine began coughing, kicking and choking; suddenly it failed completely. We began a terrible plunge downward so fast I was almost sick from the sensation, aside from fear.

"We hit the ocean hard. All the passengers aboard, especially the women, shouted and screamed and began crying. I guess we all asked God to help us. I don't think I ever knew what it was to be scared until last night.

"Then the plane began to sink—it must have been only a matter of minutes—and people on top frantically jumped into the water. I did too and started to swim anywhere, away from the plane.

All Silent

"As I swam, I could hear screams and shouts to God to save them from people still inside the plane. Slowly, it seemed, the screams ended, then all was silent as the plane sank.

"I kept swimming. My strength gave out. I thought I was going to drown. Then I mustered all my strength and kept going. I kept that up about two hours.

"I believe I finally reached an overhanging rock on a small island. I climbed up there and collapsed.

"Shortly afterwards somebody pulled me into a Coast Guard boat and I arrived here with 12 others. Thank God."—United Press.

Second Plane Tragedy

Rio de Janeiro, June 7. A Brazilian Air Force plane crashed in flames today, killing all the 29 passengers and crew, including members of their families and children.

The plane crashed in the State of Santa Catarina.—Reuter.

KING'S BIRTHDAY PARADE

London, June 7. The King will drive to a Trooping of the Colour parade in celebration of his official birthday on Thursday in an open landau.

As Colonel-in-Chief of the Brigade of Guards, he will ride alone in the carriage from Buckingham Palace to the Horse Guards' parade.

Prince Elizabeth, Colonel of the Grenadier Guards and the Duke of Gloucester, Colonel of the Scots Guards, will ride on horseback side by side immediately behind the King's carriage.

The King will remain in his landau at the Horse Guards' arch and will stand while the Royal salute is given. Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Gloucester will sit on their horses behind his carriage.

The King, followed by the Royal procession, will inspect the line. On returning to the saluting base, he will dismount and stand on the dais to take the salute at the March-Past. He will drive back to the Palace at the head of the King's Guard, furnished by the Welsh Guards, whose colour—given by the King last month—is to be trooped.

Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Gloucester, with the colonels of the other regiments of the Foot Guards, General Sir Charles Lloyd, of the Coldstream Guards, and the Earl of Gowrie, of the Welsh Guards, will accompany the King back to the Palace.—Reuter.

DRASTIC CALWELL "REFUGEE BILL"

Canberra, June 7.

The Immigration Minister, Mr. Arthur Calwell today introduced into the House of Representatives the "War-time Refugee Bill" containing drastic deportation provisions.

The Bill covers every person who: entered Australia during the war and is an alien; entered Australia during the war and has not since left Australia; entered Australia during the war by reason of any circumstances attributable to the war and has not since left Australia.

The Bill provides that any person certified by the Immigration Minister as coming within one of the three categories is liable for deportation.

Controversy in recent weeks has centered on the application of the "White Australia" policy, and in particular the refusal to allow Sergeant Gamba, a Philippine-born American soldier, stationed in Tokyo, to visit his Australian wife and three children in Australia.

Last week a High Court decision restrained the Immigration authorities from deporting three Chinese. The Court ruled that they were not prohibited immigrants within the meaning of the Immigration Act.

The Bill prescribes a penalty of A£100 or six months' imprisonment for concealing or

O'Keefe Case

It also provides a fine of A£50 or imprisonment not exceeding three months for offences against regulations which can be made under the Bill if it becomes law.

Unofficial observers here consider that Indonesian-born Mrs. Annie O'Keefe—who successfully appealed to the High Court against a deportation order—would come under the provisions of the Bill.

Mrs. O'Keefe entered Australia during the war and married an Australian, Mr. John William O'Keefe in 1947.

The High Court ruling in the O'Keefe case was regarded as a precedent for many such cases.—Reuter.

TRAIN WRECKED IN JAVA

Batavia, June 8.

The Chinese-language newspaper "Sin Po" said today that Indonesian guerrillas had wrecked a train 85 miles South of Batavia and kidnapped 20 passengers, most of them Chinese.

The cars overturned when the train hit a land mine on Monday, the newspaper said.

Meanwhile a spokesman for the United Nations military executive board here said that Belgian Captain A. A. Jouchereau, a U.N. military observer, had been wounded on Sunday in central Java.

The informant said that Captain Jouchereau was shot through the leg.

Since military observers travel with the Dutch Army, it is believed the Belgian was wounded during a clash between Dutch troops and Indonesian Republican guerrillas.—Associated Press.

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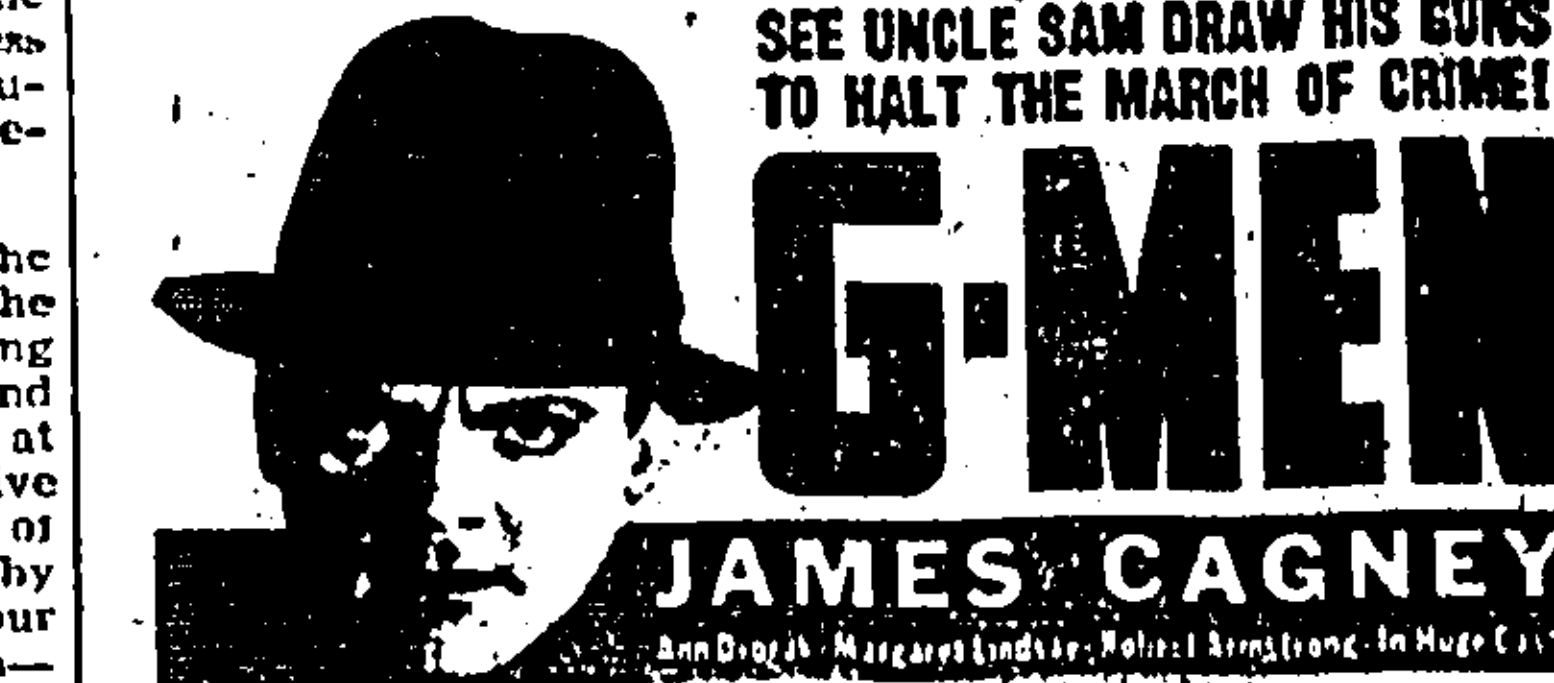
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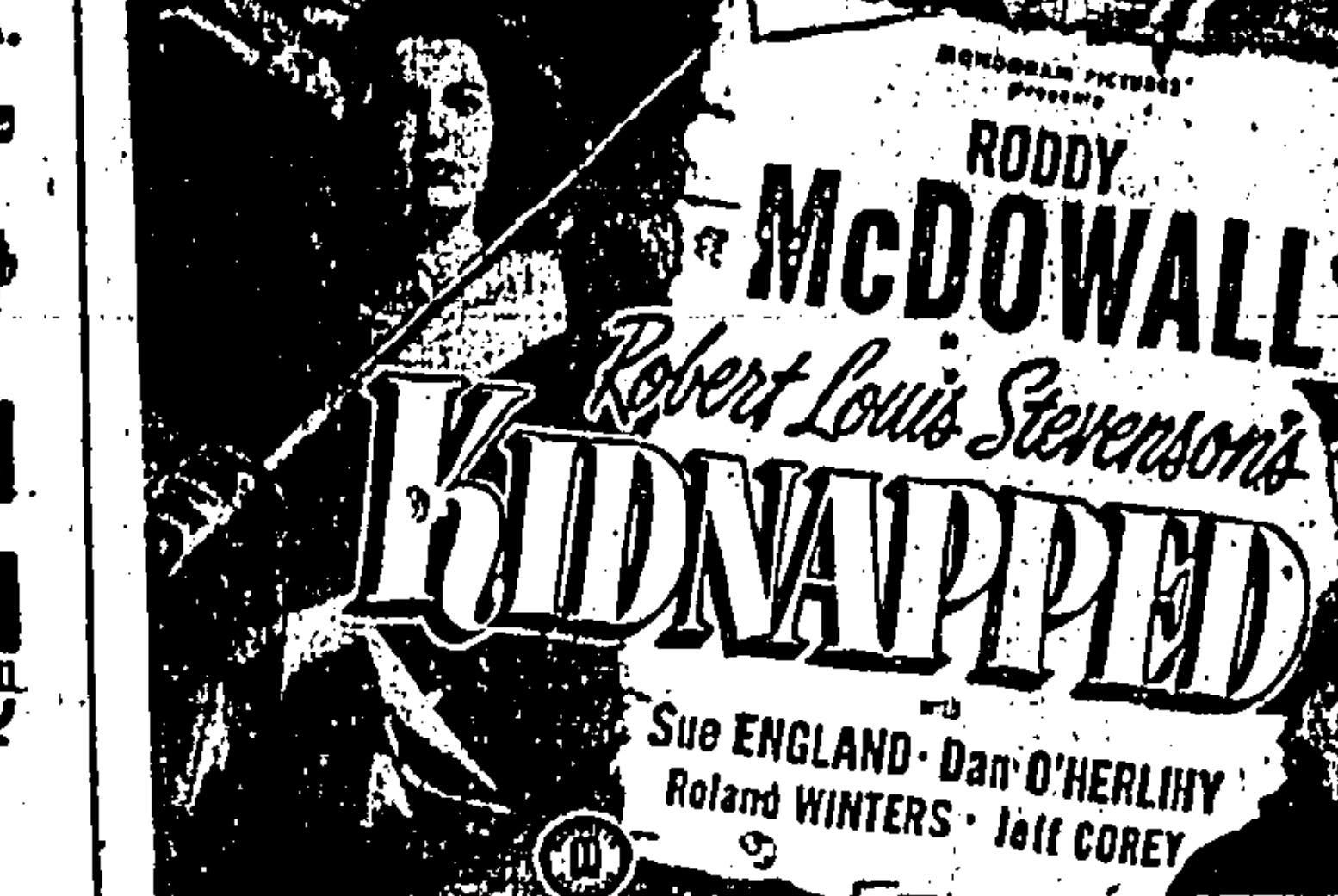


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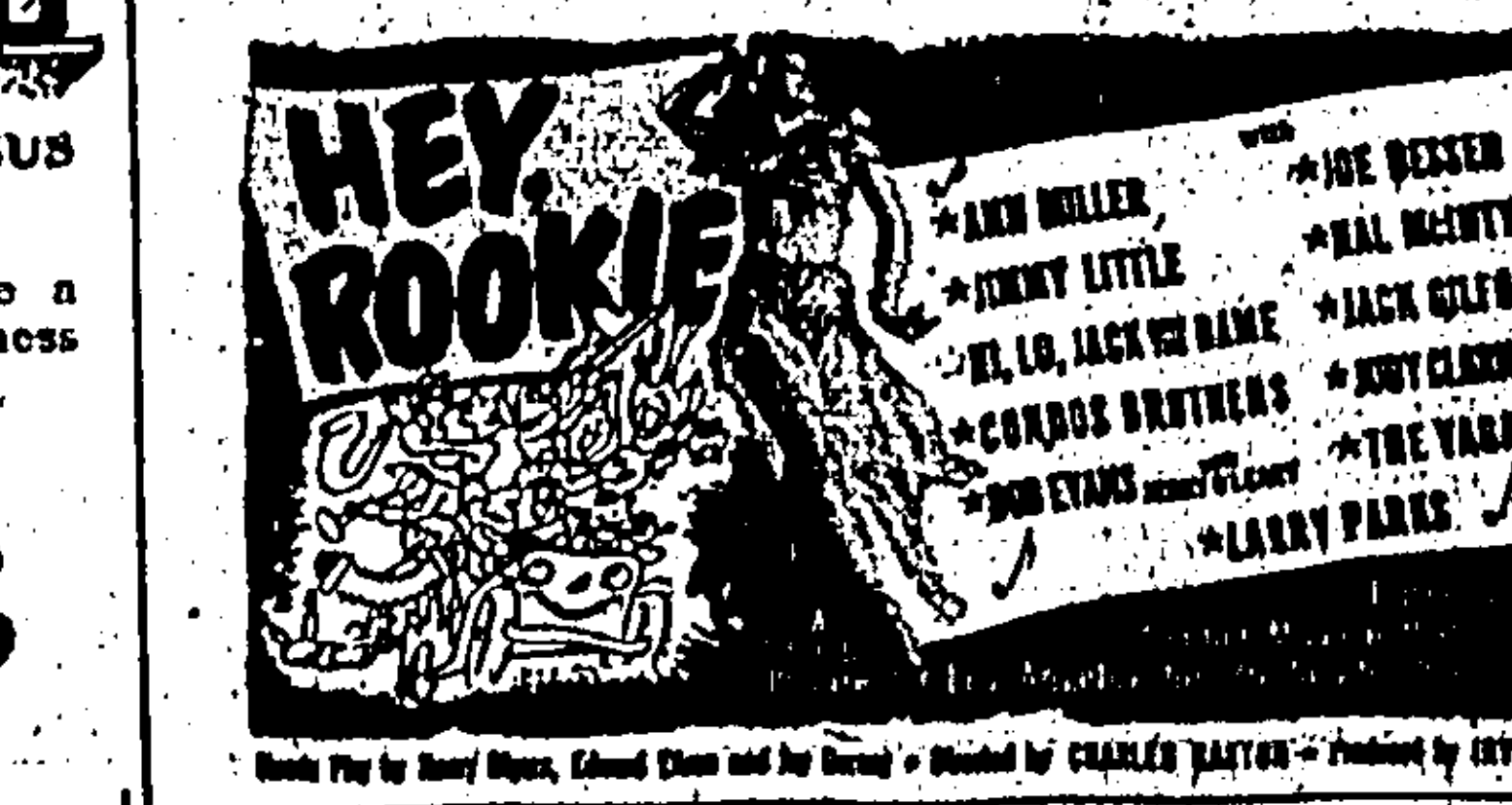
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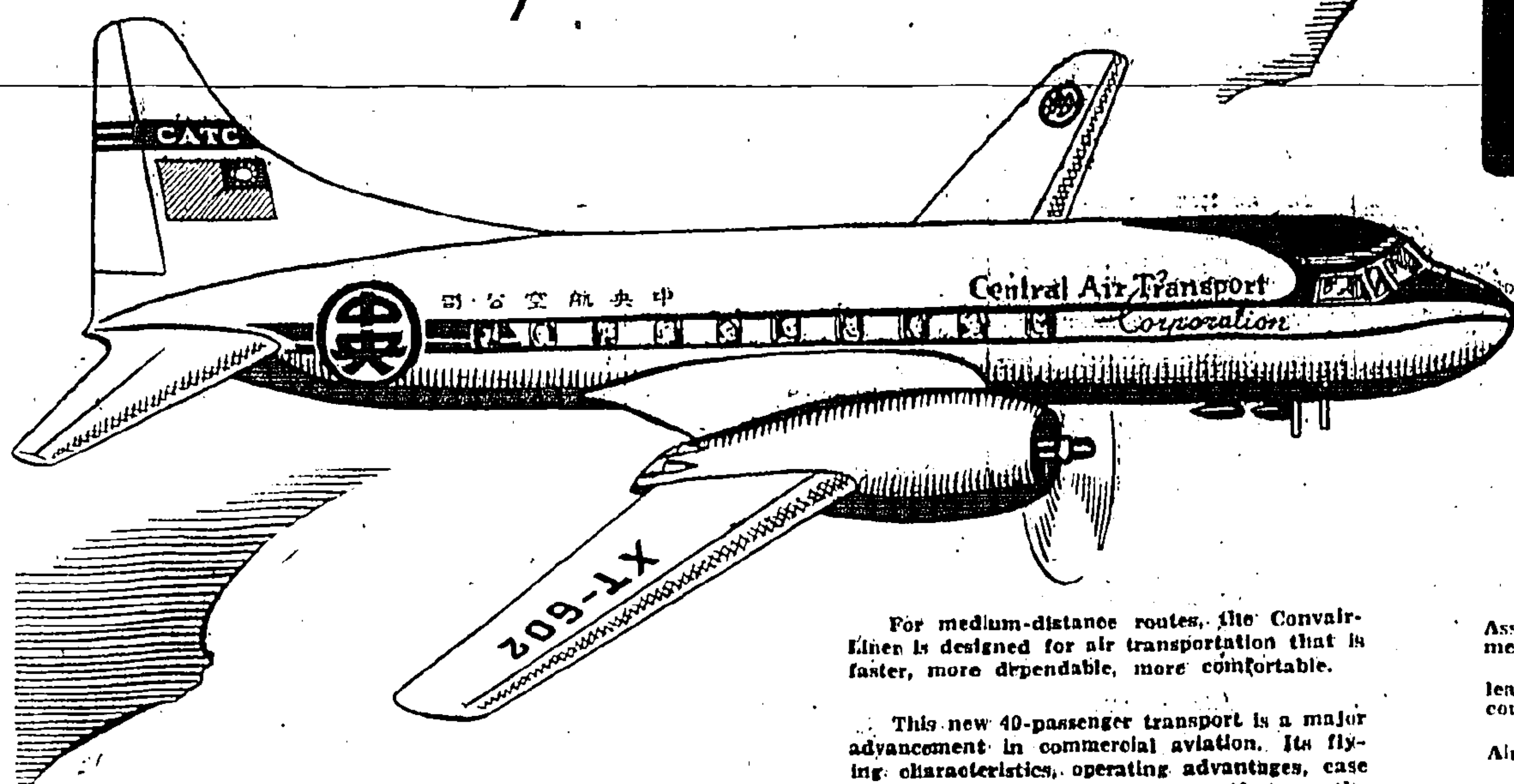
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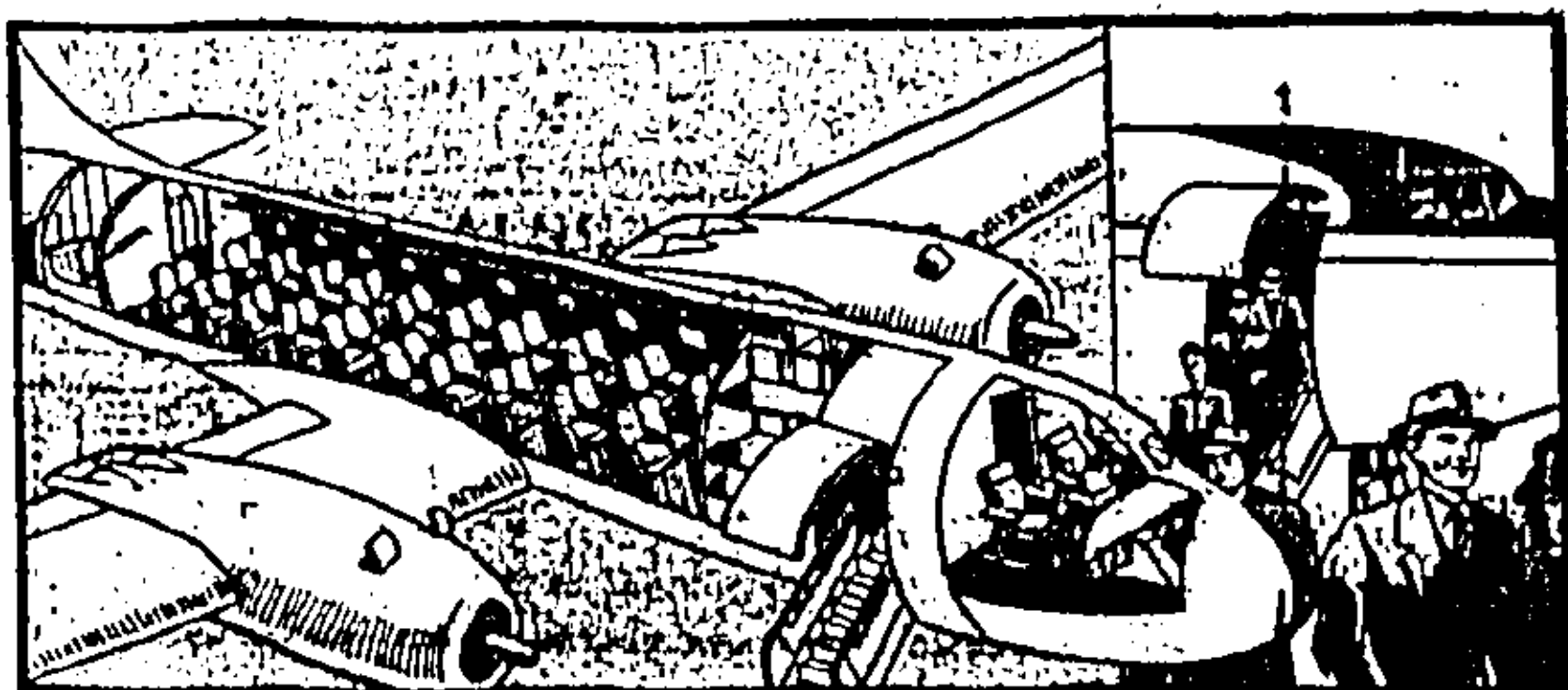
Among many advantages of the Convair-Liner which appeal both to airlines management and the flying public are the Convair-Liner integral loading ramp and cabin arrangement. They are designed to save time.

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This high degree of efficiency is particularly time-saving at intermediate points where a number of terminating passengers deplane, and new passengers go aboard. The operation is a smooth, fast, and pleasant experience for passengers.

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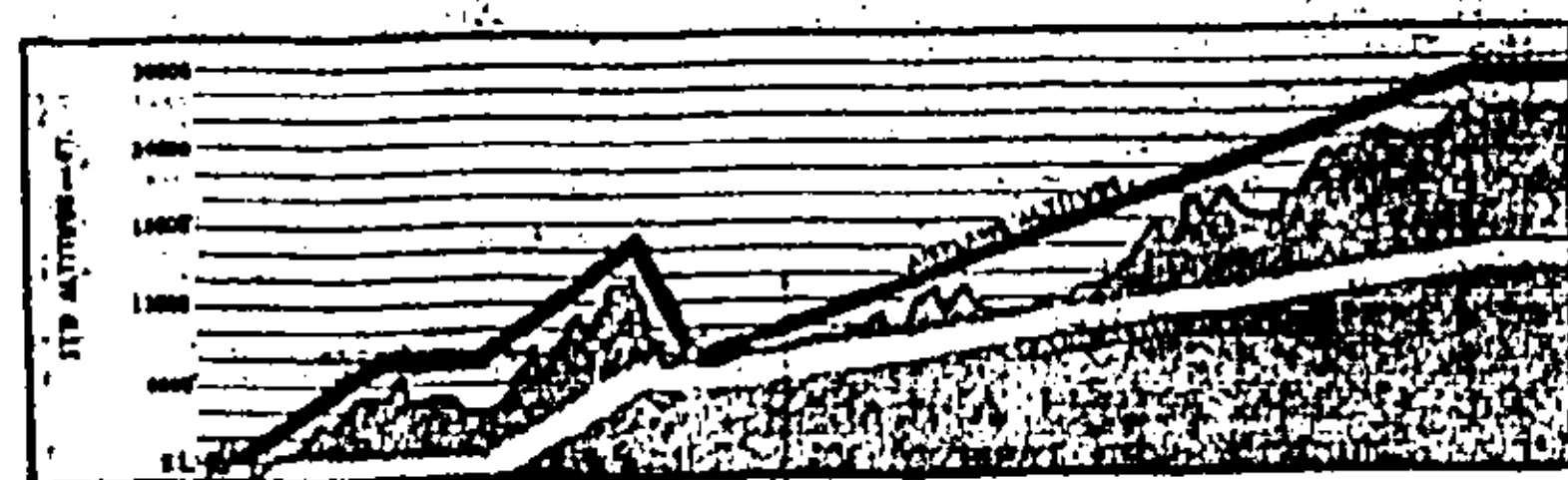
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Pressurization in the Convair-Liner is automatic. At take-off, pilot pre-sets the pressure control to the altitude of the destination airport. Required pressure changes are then accomplished gradually during flight. This makes increased block-to-block speeds possible by permitting faster climbs and descents without passenger discomfort. Equally important, it assures passenger comfort at high altitudes: the Convair-Liner holds sea-level cabin altitude up to an airplane altitude of 7200 feet.

At higher altitudes, the ratio of actual height to cabin height varies in the proportions indicated on the graph above. Rapid altitude changes at heights over 7200 feet may be avoided by presetting the pressure control dials. The pressurization system also controls air-conditioning (fresh air, cooling, heating, dehumidifying), thus giving the Convair-Liner a completely integrated altitude-conditioning system...truly a High-Comfort Cabin.



Air-conditioning supplies circulating fresh air, dehumidified, and heated or cooled as conditions require. Radiant-wall heating provides a uniform temperature throughout the cabin; less heat loss, and prevents excessive cabin temperatures and drafts.

Each passenger has a silent individual cold-air inlet. In flight or on the ground, as long as the engines are running, the Convair-Liner cabin maintains an ideal temperature and humidity level. At the option of the purchaser, extra equipment is available for temperature control when the engines are not running.

Sound-proofing. A low sound level has been achieved in the Convair-Liner despite the airplane's high horsepower rating. The thrust-augmented engine is quieter than conventional power plant installations because the exhaust is funneled through augmentors.

The cabin floor is a separate unit, designed to keep vibration and noise to a minimum. Fiberglass insulation in the cabin walls, non-metallic air ducts, and heavy rubber-backed floor carpeting also help assure quiet relaxing comfort for passengers.

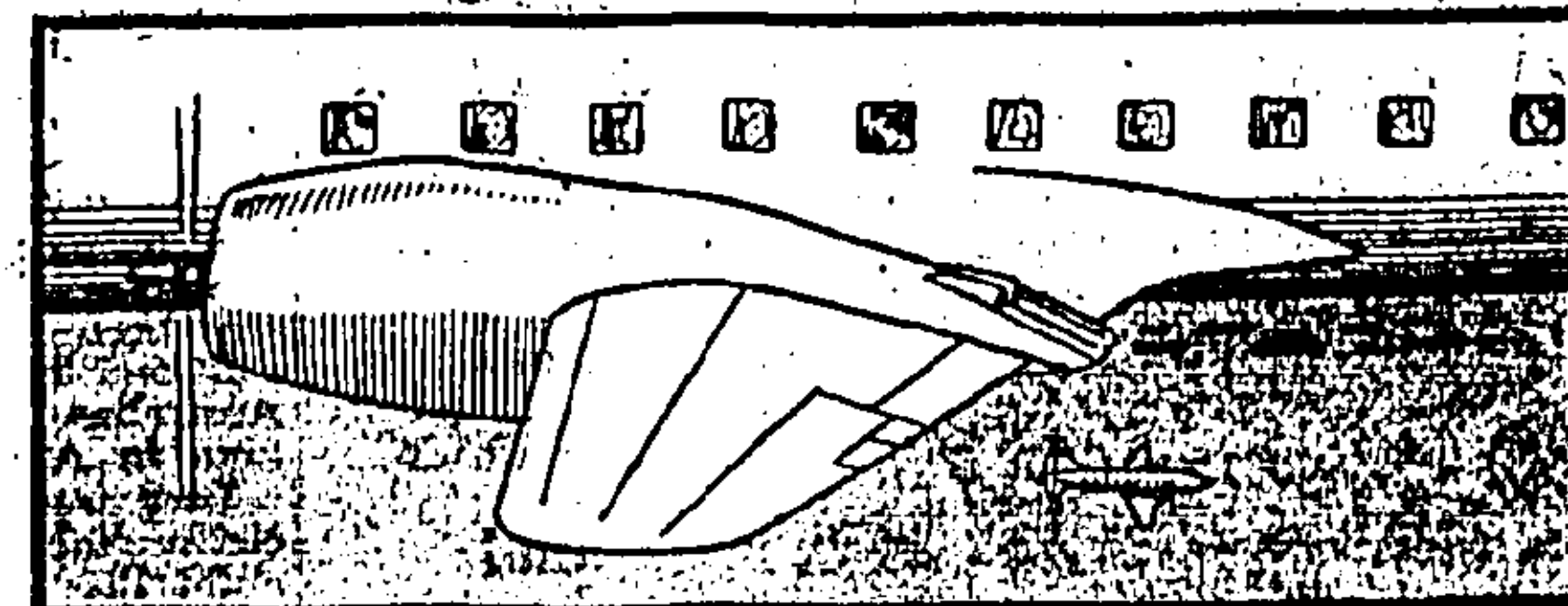
Convair-Designed Seats are exceptionally comfortable. With more than ample leg room and the finger-tip back control, even six-footers can stretch out and relax.

Large "Porthole" Windows 16 by 18 inches, result in a brighter cabin, and permit even aisle passengers to enjoy the scenery. Vision is further improved by the low placement of the slim, streamlined nacelles on the wings.

Level Cabin Floor. Tricycle landing gear gives the Convair-Liner the level floor line on the ground. This eliminates the inconvenience of a steeply angled aisle, as in the conventional twin-engine plane in the top illustration. The Convair-Liner's level floor makes passenger loading and unloading easier and quicker.

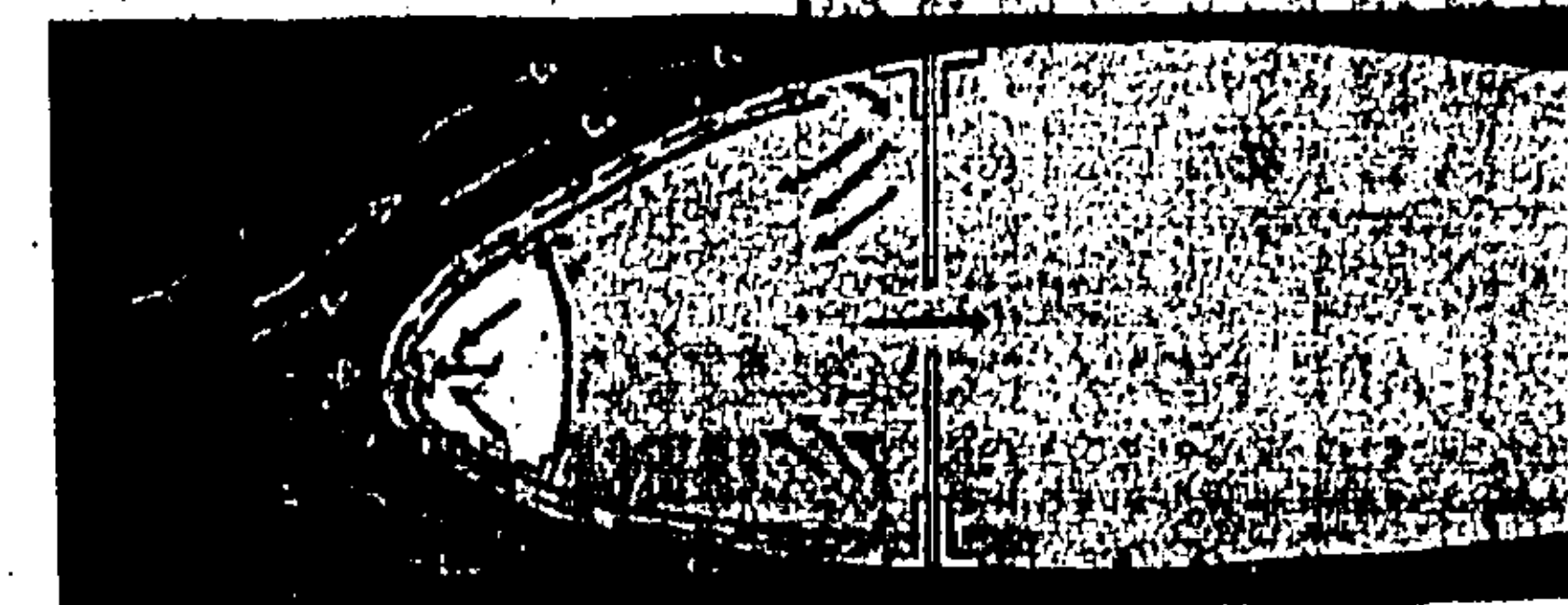
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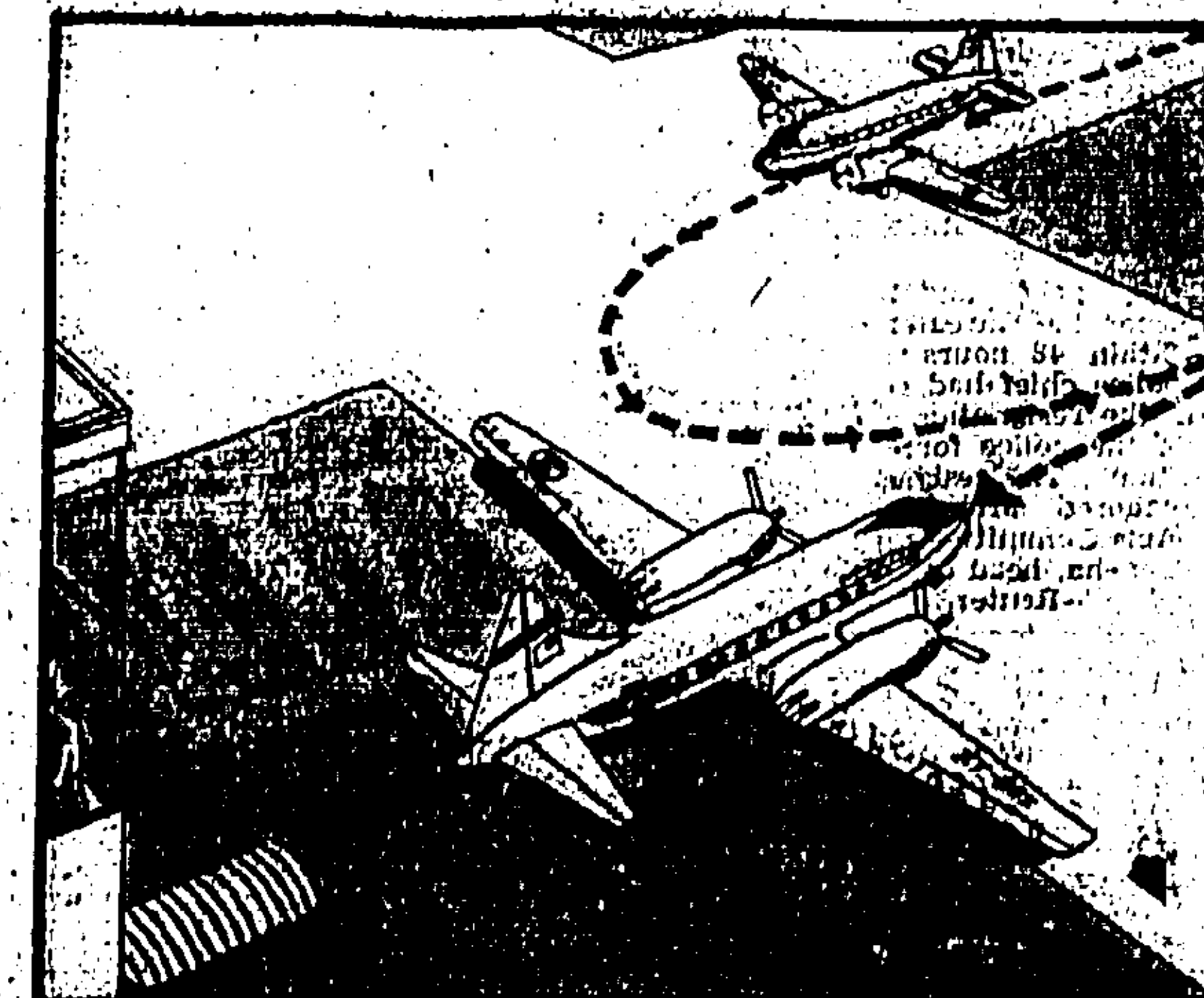


The Power Plant is the war-proven Pratt & Whitney Double Wasp, one of the R-2800 series, delivering 2400 horsepower for take-off with water injection. The Convair-Liner is the first transport to utilize jet exhaust augmentation to supplement the airplane's conventional propeller thrust. A unique installation of Convair design makes use of this source of extra power, formerly wasted.

The venturi-type aspirating system of engine cooling requires no cowl flaps. Two small residual heat doors provide necessary heat control. Thus, the nacelles have exceptionally clean aerodynamic lines. Turbulence is eliminated, as are high drag due to open cowl flaps during take-offs and climbs as required with conventional engine installations.



HEAT ANTI-ICING utilizes engine heat to prevent icing on wings and empennage. Free air, entering the nacelle, is preheated by passing over the cylinder heads on the engine. It is then ducted around the augmentor and additionally heated by the exhaust gases flowing inside the augmentor. Thence by ducting and valving the hot air is directed to the various airfoils to be de-iced or anti-iced. Rubber boots, with their maintenance requirements, are eliminated.



FORWARD AND REVERSE TAXIING. The thrust-augmented, reverse-thrust power plant not only provides additional braking power for shorter landing runs, but its installation with nose-wheel steering, gives ground maneuverability comparable to that of an airplane. It allows a Convair-Liner to taxi directly to a gate, right into, or back directly to trucks or docks, and pull away while its own power. Large tailfin (compared to the ramp) are no longer required; in entire equipment to still the airplane (also people pushed for a forward taxi). Reverse taxiing is as valuable as right-hand taxiing, and saving of large taxi/terminal.

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PART II: THE CONSCIENCE OF HIS PEOPLE

THE MINDSZENTY STORY



The Ultimate Aim Of The Communist State

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fluency exerted by the Hungarian Roman Catholic Church over the Hungarian people has always been determined by three factors: (1) The influence of the Prince Primate and the bishops over legislation through their large properties and their constitutional status (they were all members of the Upper House of the Legislature); (2) their influence on the country's education through the fact that more than half of Hungary's schools had been maintained by the Roman Catholic Church; and (3) the cohesive part played by the Roman Catholic Church in Hungary's history, independence and the interests of her people.

The abolition of the constitutional privileges of the higher clergy and the loss of their large feudal estates only increased the popularity of the Church in Hungary. The Communist Government therefore had to contend with the dissolution of the Church and the nationalisation of the Church associations and Church schools. Matyas Rakosi, the leader of the Hungarian Communist Party, never left any doubt that the party would realise these aims. The first step was the "Liberation" of the Church, the Abbot of Zirc, the head of the largest Roman Catholic order which maintained schools in Hungary, called on Rakosi in order to ascertain the Government's plans with regard to Roman Catholic schools and religious instruction. Rakosi explained that he regarded the maintenance of the traditional religious instruction impossible because its compulsory character meant the "realistic" and "practical" education of the young people. He spoke of his nephew, aged fifteen, who had been educated in the Soviet Union; was an atheist and consequently of "mature mind"; and without hesitating about the bush, predicted that the children of the Church schools as soon as the political and the Hungarian people should be found ripe for it.

Tactical Principle

The Hungarian Communist Government also employed another additional tactical principle. All through its three-year fight against Catholicism it continued to urge the necessity of an agreement between Church and State in order to pay lip-service to constitutionalism and as a gesture towards the Hungarian public which, on the whole, is constitutional and traditional. This tactical line, however, was followed in a crude and transparent manner. The Government was deprived of an important right the Government invariably announced its willingness to conclude an agreement with the Church. Just before the Government issued an order to curtail religious liberty it arranged a Press campaign—an old Communist trick which invariably ended in the discovery of one or two "anti-democratic" conspiracies. In the spring of 1946 the first Press campaign was launched against the Church schools. The police itself organised conspiracies in Roman Catholic schools and hid a few weapons in order to prove that the masters and pupils had been plotting an armed revolt against the Russian occupation and the democratic Government. The charges made by the police clearly show the primitiveness of their tactics. There was a charge brought against the pupils of the Clerical College of Pecs that they had worn mourning armlets at the time of the execution of Bela Imredy, the former Premier of Hungary. A similar charge against the pupils of the Premonstratensian College alleged that they had sung "Fascist" marches on the day Ferenc Szalasi, the Nazi head of the Hungarian state, was hanged. A third charge was trumped up against the pupils of yet another Roman Catholic school, the College at Veszprém, namely, that they dropped Fascist emblems in the streets. The students of the latter College were accused of hiding Fascist propaganda sheets and newspapers, pistols and other weapons. Finally, the students of the Franciscan School of Esztergom were accused of hiding hand grenades, army revolvers, ammunition and explosives.

Typical Case

The most typical of these cases of "conspiracy" however, happened in Baja. The Budapest newspapers copied by some papers published in Pecs and Szeged, came out with the headline on May 24, 1946: "Large-scale conspiracy of Roman Catholic priests and students to suppress the very successful

Baja." The report said, among other things, that "the political department of the Baja police has uncovered an armed conspiracy in the King Bela IV College. In the course of the investigation and a search made in the students' homes, a large quantity of explosives and ammunition and a large number of weapons has been found. So far about thirty persons have been detained, but their names are withheld in the interest of further investigations. It has already been established that the students have been organised by the son of an army officer who has fled to Western Germany." On the following day, May 25th, the Baja Hirlap, the organ of the Communist Party, writes: "The reports concerning this case which have appeared in Budapest papers are based on irresponsible and false rumours. The Baja police have established that this information was given to the Budapest papers by a certain Laszlo Biro, who himself acted on totally unsubstantiated private information. The said Laszlo Biro has been indicted for having acted as a person guilty against Hungarian democracy."

What actually happened was this: The papers published the details of the discovery of the conspiracy and the arrest of the students, although the police had never even visited the school. His book Zsebi Naschte Ona Tag, the Abbot of Zirc, who was at that time visiting the college and the monastery at Baja, ascertained the following facts. The Hungarian political police had a dossier for every Church school, complete with a timetable according to which a given school was to be visited. He discovered a "conspiracy" at that time. The dossier contained two sheets of paper. One contained detailed instructions to the local police: at what hour of what day they must raid the school and what weapons were to be discovered and where the names of the persons to be arrested in connection with the "conspiracy." The other sheet was the copy of a report to be sent to the newspapers containing the "full story" and which had to be sent to the local newspaper as well as to the Szabad Nep of Budapest, which is the national daily of the Communist Party. In the Baja files Laszlo Biro—who was actually a police official—had forgotten to mobilise the police for the raid when the sent off the communiques to the papers. As a result of his bungling the report was published without the police having "discovered the conspiracy" according to the instructions of the abbot and to some weakness in the Communist Party organisation, this tragicomic story was published all over the country. Finally, all these cases, on investigation, boiled down to a few remarks and mutterings of "conspirators" which had been twisted or misunderstood, to a few Nazi propaganda sheets or newspapers left over from the period of German domination in Hungary, together with Fascist emblems and Arrow Cross badges, to a couple of knuckledusters, homemade pistols and a few hand-grenades, and other, as a rule, useless ammunition picked up from army dumps. Though an official inquiry was instituted against several schoolmasters teaching at Baja College, only one of them, was held in custody; and he was later discharged by the People's Court at Esztergom for the simple reason that the charges against him could not be maintained. The Church schools, therefore, emerged with a clean sheet from the shameful campaign so clumsily contrived against them.

End Of Associations

Most unfortunately, however, the campaign spelt the end for the Church associations. In the late spring of 1946 the bodies of two Russian soldiers were found in a forest near Budapest, and a third on the Ferenc Boulevard of Budapest. Pupils of Roman Catholic schools were suspected of murdering the three soldiers, but, as Cardinal Mindszenty said in his speech at Pecs on October 20, 1946: "In Pecs on October 20, 1946, I informed me of the results of the investigation because I myself was interested and wished to discuss it with my lawyers." The findings were never published. The Government used the Press campaign worked up about these unfortunate murders, which were never solved, as a pretext to suppress the very successful



"Season, Communist Troops On the March"—Local Headline. Summer, comes to Canton?

Can it be that, led by the 1200 Legislators of Canton, the armada of escaped Nationalists from Shanghai is planning an assault on the Japanese home-land?

The story goes that the ship on which an ex-Communist Nationalist leader was travelling was wrecked and the notable found himself in a sailor on a small raft. "A ship doesn't sink—us don't sink," said the sailor.

"Don't talk nonsense," snapped the V.I.P. "I've got plenty of money!"

"Many members present were reminded of the old Army phrase 'passing the bucket'."

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What was that shipload of soft, easily-crushed things off the Jap coast? Nationalist soldiers? No, bananas, Myrtle.

No question of colour ever arises in Malaya, says that pillar of truth, Mr. Gamman, M.P., rapidly making a name for himself for an encyclopaedic knowledge of the Far East.

Even so, red doesn't seem the best to wear in your hal-down there.

"The Hong Kong & Shanghai Bank has now refused and does not now contemplate refusing overdrafts" states an official release.

I'd like (if I could be sure of this) to order a couple immediately. And the island back to Greece. They don't take the precautions about screening their local politicians that we do, evidently.

If we can't agree on the principle of unanimity we can always go in for magnanimity.

Good comrades must surely deplore the Peiping radio's habit of quoting foreign exchange dealings for the month in bloated imperialist Yankee dollars.

Associations which appear dangerous for democracy," Ham said further that the Minister had requested the directors of the Actio Catholica to send him their rules although he ought to be aware that the Actio Catholica is not really an association but an integral part and executive of the Roman Catholic Church.

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MINISTERIAL DIPLOMACY

This newspaper has not been too enthusiastic about the visit here of Mr. A. V. Alexander, Britain's Minister of Defence, although of course there was always the possibility that he might learn something from a lightning tour of the New Territories and talks with the Governor and senior defence officers. It will be interesting to see what the long term results are.

The minister, as a symbol, is a highly important figure, and his arrival in Hong Kong at this time is an event which has held the attention of all sections of the community—not to mention our friends and enemies abroad. His decision to hold a Press conference yesterday therefore attracted not only representatives of local newspapers, but correspondents for journals in Britain, America, China, all parts of the Commonwealth, and foreign countries. Probably none of them expected to hear secrets of State, but they did anticipate some forthright statements about Britain's policy in the Far East, and Hong Kong in particular.

Mr. Alexander proceeded to give a caricature sketch of a British cabinet minister responding to questions in the House: you have a right to be here and ask about things, but you don't for a moment expect that I shall answer them, do you? The "China Mail" has given considerable space to a report of this conference, in case our readers can see something in it that we ourselves do not. It is difficult to find a single straightforward remark that means anything. Certainly the minister said it was his government's policy to avoid involvement in war with China, while at the same time defending its own territory. This is doubtless perfectly true, but like a previous statement about Little Boy Blue blowing his horn, it has lost something of its novelty.

It is possible that Mr. Alexander has been so long in politics that he finds it difficult to give a direct answer to a question in public, but if he did not already appreciate the fact, he should have been briefed that conditions out here are not the same as they are in Britain. We are a mixed, predominantly Asiatic population, with a strategically important civil war about to cascade around our borders, and what is expected of a senior member of His Majesty's government is not diplomatic side-stepping of issues but a bold, clear-cut outlining of an inflexible purpose. The matter can be put into perspective if one contrasts this lack-lustre display with the probable performance of a War Minister in Gladstone's or Disraeli's cabinet in the same situation.

Admittedly Mr. Alexander had to be careful, and some questions no doubt had to be carefully turned aside. But what, for instance, was the objection to commenting on whether the Colony's defence position is better now than it was in 1947? Surely it was easy and diplomatic to say it is, and explain why.

Mr. Alexander wasted an opportunity yesterday. Let us hope he makes up for it when he returns to London.



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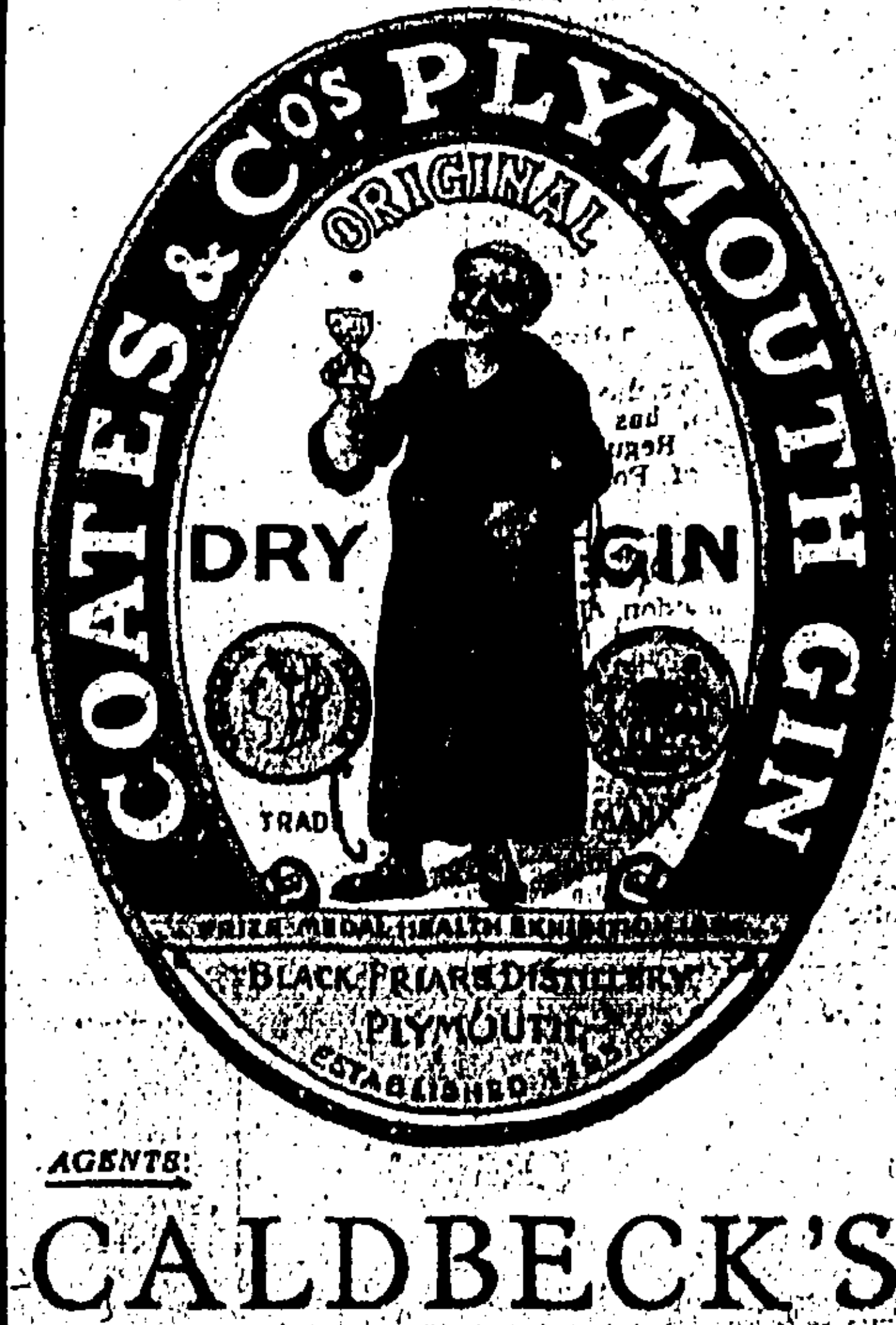
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A GRAVE SITUATION Smuts Warns On The Position In Asia "SINISTER THINGS ON MOVE"

London, June 7.

Field-Marshal Jan Smuts, former South African Premier, said here today that what is happening in Asia is creating the gravest situation the world has known for hundreds of years. Addressing a press conference, Marshal Smuts spoke of a sense of menace in the world generally, and an underground cold war. Marshal Smuts said that all Europeans in Asia are being expelled. Asia, containing two-thirds of the human race is developing a new nationalism. The situation is so big that no one can size it up.

HUSSARS COMING TO HONG KONG

Singapore, June 8.

A British Army spokesman for the Malaya district headquarters announced today that a detachment from the Fourth Queen's Own Hussars Regiment is leaving Kuala Lumpur by special train for Singapore. The troops will embark here for Hong Kong to reinforce the defence of the colony, the informant said.

The Hussars arrived in Malaya last September and went into action against Communist insurgents after a short period of training.

In Manchester, the "Guardian," in an editorial on Hong Kong today, said the British Government in consultation with the United States must establish official relations with the Chinese Communists.

The editorial said: "The real value of the British Minister, A. V. Alexander's trip to Hong Kong must not be so much to study Hong Kong's defences as to take stock of conditions in China."

"Britain cannot afford to ignore for long the power which controls most of China."

"Official relations of some kind must be at present established though in this we would act in consultation with the United States."

The "Glasgow Herald" likewise urged the Government to face facts and recognise an undoubted victor with whom alone they can do business.—Associated Press and United Press.

Liberals Lead In Elections

Bogota, June 8.

The Liberals are leading by a narrow margin today over the Conservatives in Colombia's general election, in which four people were killed yesterday and one gravely injured.

Returns for 10 of the 15 departments give 620,000 votes for the Liberals and 547,000 for the Conservatives. In the remaining five departments, the Liberals have alleged irregularities in the voting. The Communists polled 4,000 votes.

Final results for Bogota, the capital: Liberals 63,000; Conservatives 20,000; Communists and other parties 1,200.

It is thought tonight that the Liberals will have a slight majority both in the House of Representatives and in Congress. Dr. Cardoso Quintan, National Electoral Registrar, the highest electoral authority, has resigned in protest against alleged unfairness to the Liberals.

The present Conservative Cabinet, which took the oath of office to President Mariano Ospina Perez last month, has as Prime Minister Colonel Regulo Quintan, a former Chief of Police, now Minister of the Interior.

BUS TRAGEDY

London, June 8.

One was killed and 17 injured, some seriously, when a motor coach carrying holiday trippers from Birmingham, plunged off the road at Tintern, in the Wye Valley, and hurtled down a 200-foot embankment.

The coach finished the plunge on its four wheels, half-way between the road and the river.—Reuter.

BURMA AND YUNNAN SIGN PACT

Rangoon, June 7. Burma and Yunnan have agreed to a non-aggression pact whereby each will respect the integrity and independence of the other. It was officially announced in Rangoon today.

The agreement was reached during a conference at Mong Hsa in the Northern state between the Kachin-Shan chieftains representing Burma and Fang Chok-sheng, the unit defence commander for Wingting in Central Yunnan. The conference urged the greatest co-operation toward the suppression of border banditry now prevalent and advocated annual border conferences for co-ordination measures to maintain law and order.—Associated Press.

Canadian Seamen Ejected

Capetown, June 7.

Twenty-seven Canadian seamen on strike were ejected today from the Canadian ship Cumberland County, which is held up in the Table Bay docks.

The ejection followed a South African Supreme Court order granted yesterday. A new crew of South Africans is being signed on this evening to take the ship up the coast and then to Canada.

Two of the Cumberland County's crew were not concerned as they chose to sail with the ship. The Cumberland County and the Carhill, another strike-bound Canadian ship, are expected to continue their voyage up the coast within 24 hours.

Members of the Carhill's crew have decided to go back and work the ship.

In a ballot taken on board the Cambury, a third Canadian ship tied up at Capetown, all but three of the crew decided to stay on strike. These three have been put ashore to avoid interference from the rest of the crew.

Election proceedings similar to those for the Cumberland County are expected to be launched against the Cambury's strikers.—Reuter.

PRAISE FOR CHINESE REDS

Rangoon, June 7.

Burma's official Socialist Party today praised the Chinese Communists in a 1,200-word statement which said: "The victory of the people of China is an aid to the victory of the people of Burma."

The statement reviewed the progress of Communism in China, beginning with the Opium War in 1842 through the Peiping and Boxer Rebellions to the war against Japan.

It added: "We cannot help rejoicing at the successive victories won by the people of China."

It also compared Burma's programme of nationalisation with the Chinese model of land reform and production programmes.—United Press.

Johannesburg, June 7. South African breeders have developed a new strain of sheep which grow hair instead of wool and which can be pastured on areas unsuited to normal sheep.—Reuter.

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Asian Hopes In U.S. Dashed Since War

Chicago, June 8.

An Indonesian leader has told Americans that Asia's hopes to see the United States as a crusader for Democracy in the Far East have been dashed. Mr. Soedjatmoko, a member of the Republic of Indonesia's delegation to the U.N. Security Council, spoke in a University of Chicago discussion broadcast by the National Broadcasting Corporation.

He discussed "The Problems of South Asia" with Harold Isaacs and Phillips Talbot. Mr. Isaacs has just returned from an extended tour through South Asia.

Mr. Talbot, at present visiting assistant professor at the University, is the Chicago "Daily News" India correspondent. He is on leave from the paper.

"When the war ended and Japan was defeated," Mr. Soedjatmoko said, "we in Asia put our hopes on the U.S. as the crusader for Democracy in the Far East. But all these high hopes have vanished."

"There is a strong critical attitude toward several Western powers because of their apparent acquiescence in the colonial warfare waged by the French and the Dutch."

"The situation in South Asia has not resulted in racial hostility toward the Western peoples."

No Hatred

"There is no hatred against the American people. It is only resentment based on the apparent policy pursued by these countries."

"The countries and the peoples of the West are not being judged by their race or by their national qualities but by the actual political stand they taken on the colonial issue."

Mr. Isaacs asserted that American policy instead of making itself a partner of these people in their attempt to bring about inevitable changes, has either been passive or in effect actively helped Western colonial powers."

Mr. Talbot held the view that any attempt to put pressure on some of these Asian nations into coming along with the Western nations as military allies is doomed to failure.—Associated Press.

POPE RECEIVES DOCTORS

Rome, June 7.

Pope Pius XII today received in audience a group of cancer specialists and praised them for dedicating their lives to the study of what he called one of humanity's gravest burdens.

They are attending a "study week" in the Vatican, arranged by the Pontifical Academy of Sciences. The Pontiff said that cancer is so terrible an illness that faith can not always bring comfort. He said that the Catholic Church strongly supports all scientific studies for the good of mankind.—Reuter.

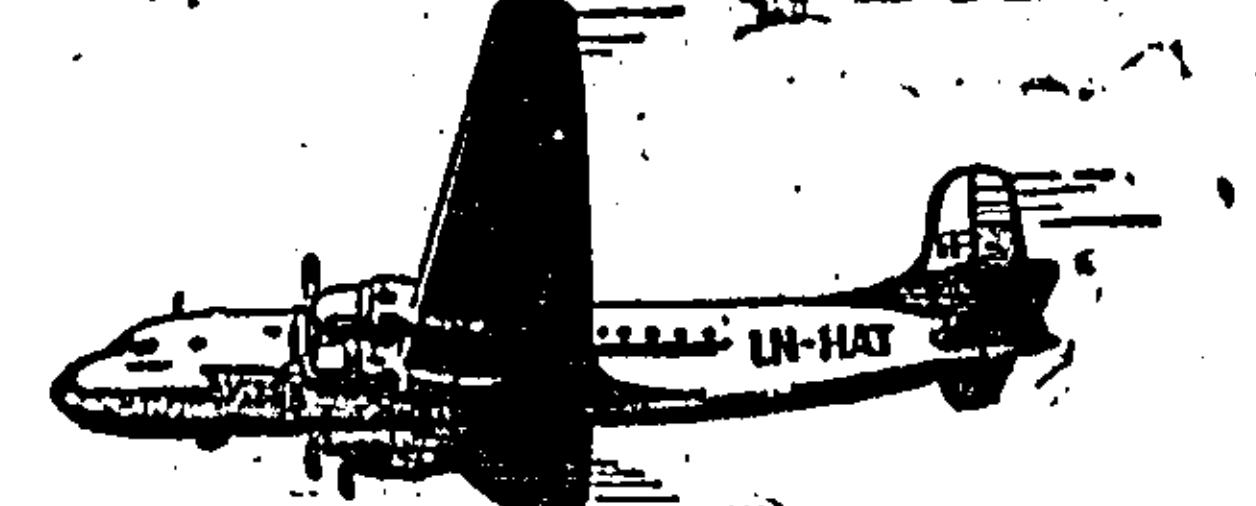
JAP SILK MEN IN BRITAIN

London, June 7.

Three Japanese silk experts arrived here by air tonight to visit English silk factories. They are Mr. Yokio Swetsgu, technical advisor to the Yokohama Bulk Conditioning House, Mr. Seiji Yoshida, President of the Silk Association of Japan, and Mr. Hiroshi Shiga, silk consultant to the Allied Powers.

They have been attending the International Silk Congress in Zurich.—Reuter.

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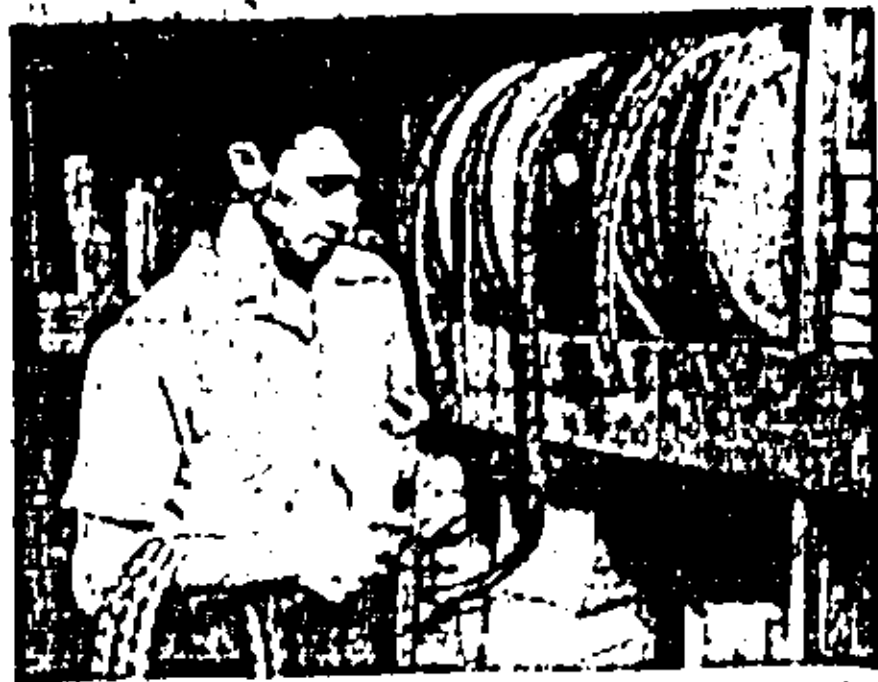
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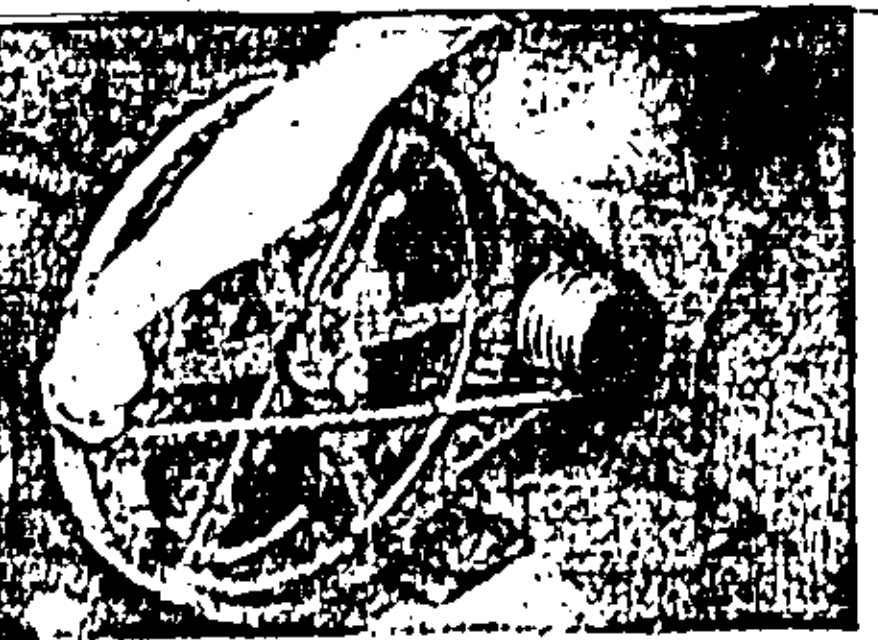
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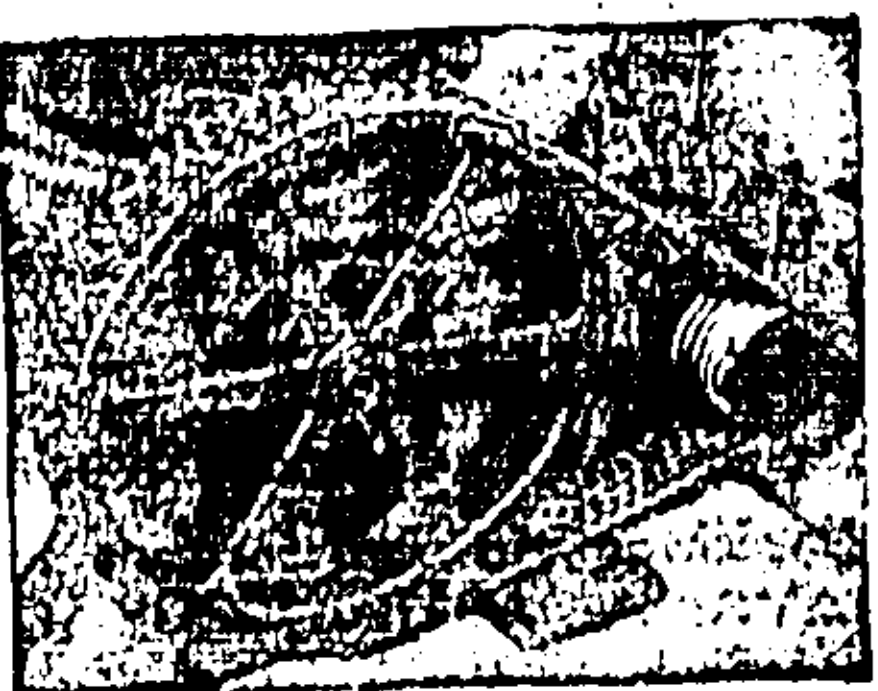
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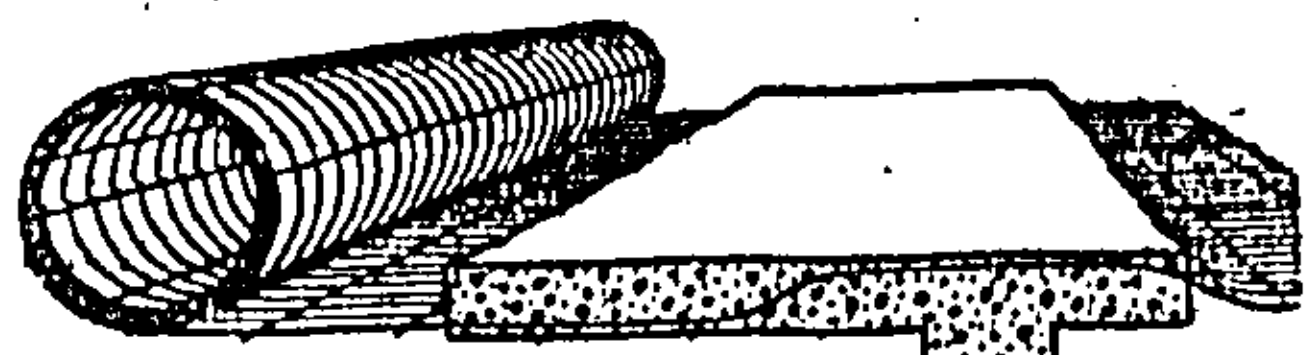


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ENGINEERING PAGE

Improved Farming Implements

The National Agricultural Engineering Corporation of Canton has just announced that their first batch of improved farm implements is on sale now. The first batch includes grain thrasher, 4½" up-land plow, and hand operated water pump. These implements are sold at very reasonable prices, almost at their cost prices.

The NAEC of Canton was established last July. These implements have gone through many experiments and improvements at numerous places by many groups of farmers and experts.

It is learned that the grain thrasher is very simple in design and very easy to operate, just by stepping on the paddle. It can be done by a little boy but its production capacity is equivalent to the work of 60 men.

The 4½" up-land plow saves man power by five times. The pump can deliver water from a 15 foot deep well to a height of 50 feet. Its capacity is three to five gallons per minute. It is simple and durable.

These implements are on exhibition at NAEC Office, 80 Fang Ning Road, Canton now.

The NAEC management also announced that the second batch, including rice huller, sugar cane crusher, and five shovel-cultivator will be ready in the very near future.

New Chemical Process Demonstrated

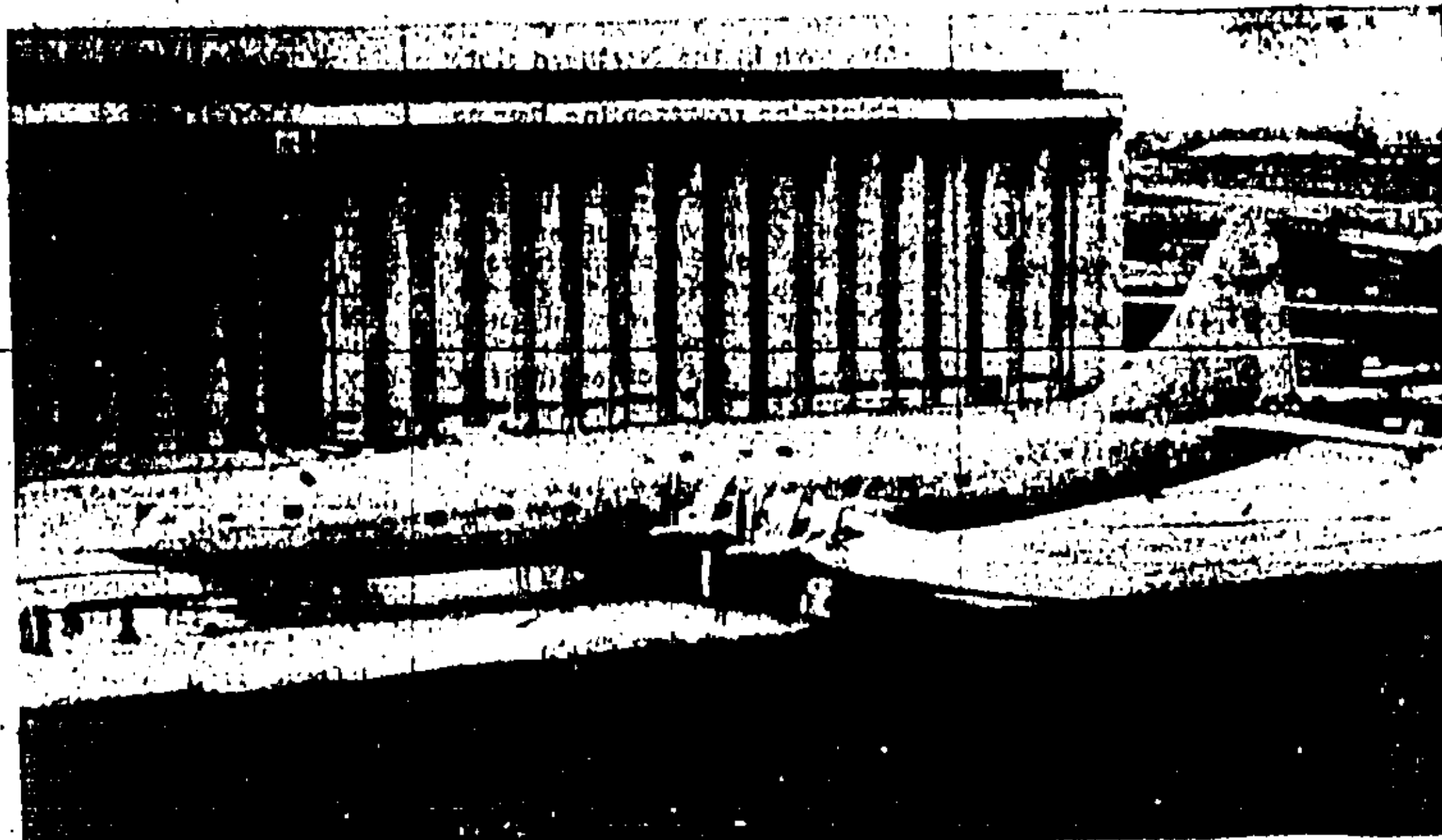
A new chemical process, based on the extraction of wool grease, was demonstrated by diagrams, materials and models at a recent exhibition organized by the International Wool Secretariat at their showroom in London. It has long been known that raw wool contains about six to 50 per cent. of wool grease, and its removal during scouring gives rise to a fatty effluent which, in many countries, must, by law, be freed from grease before discharge to sewers or rivers.

The high grades of lanolin derived from the finest wool are already widely used in the pharmaceutical industry, and for the base of many kinds of cosmetics. From cholesterol, also derived from wool grease, scientists have shown that hormone preparations can be synthesized. These preparations are used in the treatment of certain glandular disorders.

A new process based on the use of products derived from seaweed, helps to save many thousands of man-hours in Britain's knitwear industries. Alginate acid, a substance extracted from certain kinds of seaweed, when converted to calcium alginate, can be spun into a rayon which, though reasonably strong when dry, dissolves completely in warm solutions of alkali.

When men's seamless socks are manufactured, they are usually knitted one after the other, and (Continued on page 11)

"Brab I" Has Engine Test



The world's largest landplane, the 130-ton Bristol "Brampton I," is seen outside her eight-acre hangar at Filton, Bristol, when her eight engines, which operate four pairs of contra-rotating airscrews, were tested. Work on building the giant aircraft, outcome of a £12,000,000 project to put British passenger aviation ahead of the world, is almost complete, and her initial flying tests will begin soon. She is the forerunner of aircraft which will fly across the Atlantic at an average speed of 300 miles an hour, carrying 100 passengers in supreme comfort. —Associated Press Photo.

Ten-Engineed Giants To Link UK, South America

Good progress is being made with the fleet of "Princess" double-decker flying-boats which British Overseas Airways Corporation will operate across the Atlantic to South America in the early 1950s. Three are already taking shape in the Cowes, Isle of Wight, Workshops of Saunders-Roe Ltd., the well known builders of marine aircraft, and materials and parts for four more have been ordered.

The hull of the most advanced of the first three is plated up to and including some portions of the upper deck cabins. The hull of the second is plated up to and including the cabin on the main deck and that of the third has much of the plating fitted to the main deck cabins.

Comparable progress is being made with the centre, inner and outer sections of the wings, each section being built as a separate structure. All the spars of the centre section and inner section of the first three boats have been completed.

No unforeseen difficulties have arisen in the construction of these 140-ton flying ships, and the only change from the original design has been the adoption of a new method of retracting the wing-up floats. Under the new scheme, the floats will be aligned with the wing-tips when not in use. As a result of this change, payload will probably be increased by as much as 2,000 lb.

Progress with the development of the Bristol Proteus turboprop engines, which will power the "Princess" flying-boats, matches that being made with the airframe. Soon a model of a section of the wing will be sent from the Cowes factory to the Bristol company's works at Filton, Somerset, for the installation of two paired Proteus engines so that tests can be made under conditions similar to those which will be met when the engines are fitted and run in the flying-boats.

There will be 10 engines in all, eight in pairs and two separate units in the extreme outer wing positions.

More than a year will lapse before the first of the new flying-boats is launched. The launching is planned for December, 1950 and the first flight is unlikely to be made until early in 1951.

The tests will be made from the Solent which according to Geoffrey Tyson, Saunders-Roe's chief test pilot, is about as good a place for the job as any in the world. The second and third flying-boats will be launched during 1951 and the remaining four in 1952 and 1953.

A mission sent out under the auspices of the British Ministry of Civil Aviation has recently returned from South America after surveying the East coast for flying-boat bases. The results were

to end, and afterwards separated by hand cutting, one cut edge being closed, to form the top and the other forming the top of the wall of the following sock. In the new method a few rows of stitches are knitted in alternate rows between the socks. No cut is made, but when the string of socks is washed during the later finishing processes, the alginate dissolves, leaving the individual socks separated.

great weight they will not need large stretches of water for their take-off and alighting.

In order to speed up docking they will be equipped to work with the system invented by Sir Arthur Gouge, Vice-President of Saunders-Roe. This scheme calls for a retractable automatic pick-up hook on the keel of the flying-boat to engage with a mooring cable running along the surface of the water from the pontoon or dock to an outer buoy or dolphin. After the hook engages, the cable is hauled in by a winch and the flying-boat is brought safely and quickly into dock.

Great Britain's decision to order and operate more flying-boats at a time when the big airline operators of the world were giving them up in favour of landplanes, was a gesture of confidence in a type of airliner which has been extensively used by British companies almost since regular commercial air transport services began.

If the "Princess" class proves arguments of its makes to be sound, Great Britain will reap an advantage which will give her a strong lead in the highly competitive industry of international air transport.

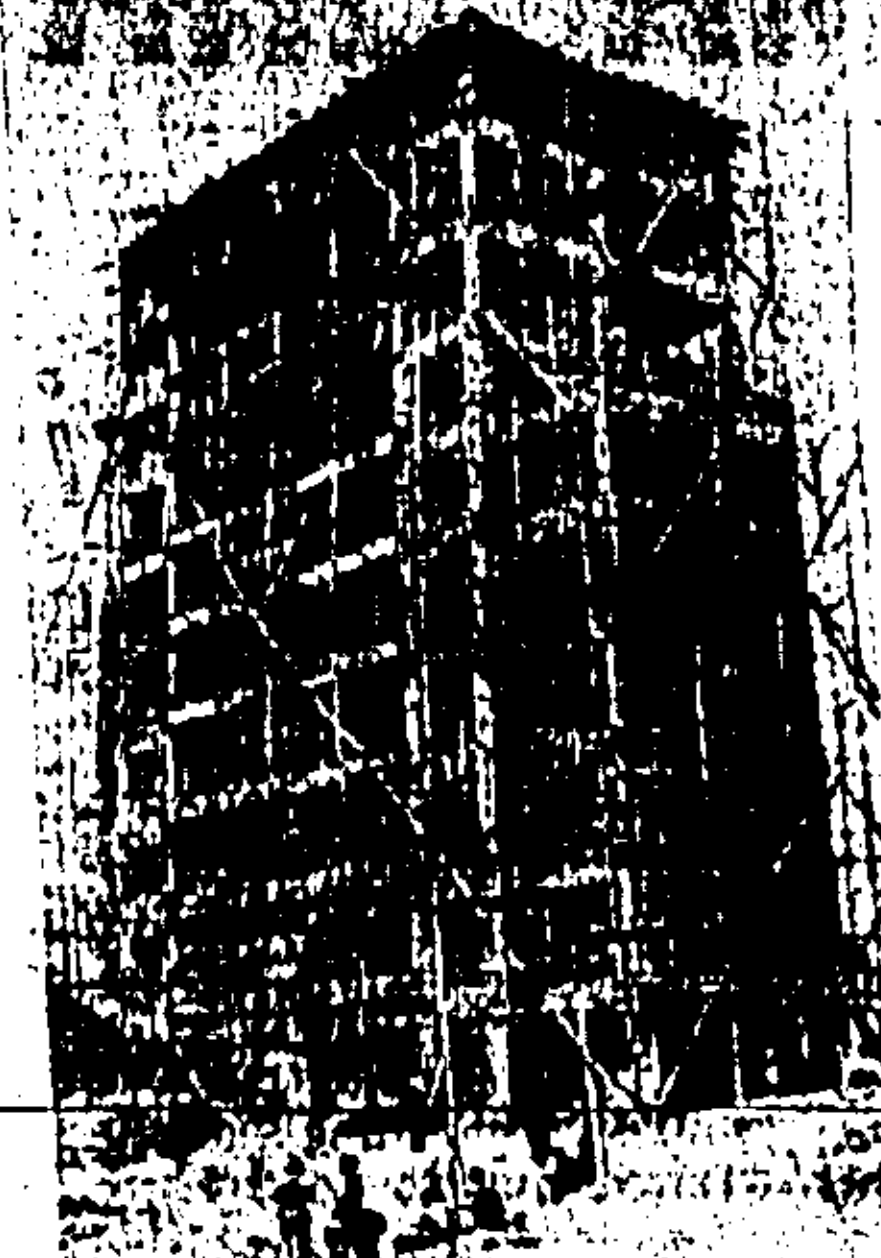
The principal contentions are that the large flying-boat needs few special facilities for its operation, and that every open stretch of water is a potential alighting place. The construction and upkeep of huge airports with long, well-founded runways is a heavy charge upon commercial landplane air services. Flying-boats escape this charge and merely have to pay port dues and for special services which may be provided for their exclusive use.

In summer, all the main centres of population with lakes, bays, harbours, rivers, or estuaries of adequate proportions in their close vicinity can be served by flying-boats. In winter, the flying-boat bases adjoining some of the larger Northern towns freeze over and bring the services to an end till the thaw comes and the bases become usable again. That is the main objection raised against the flying-boat on the North Atlantic route.

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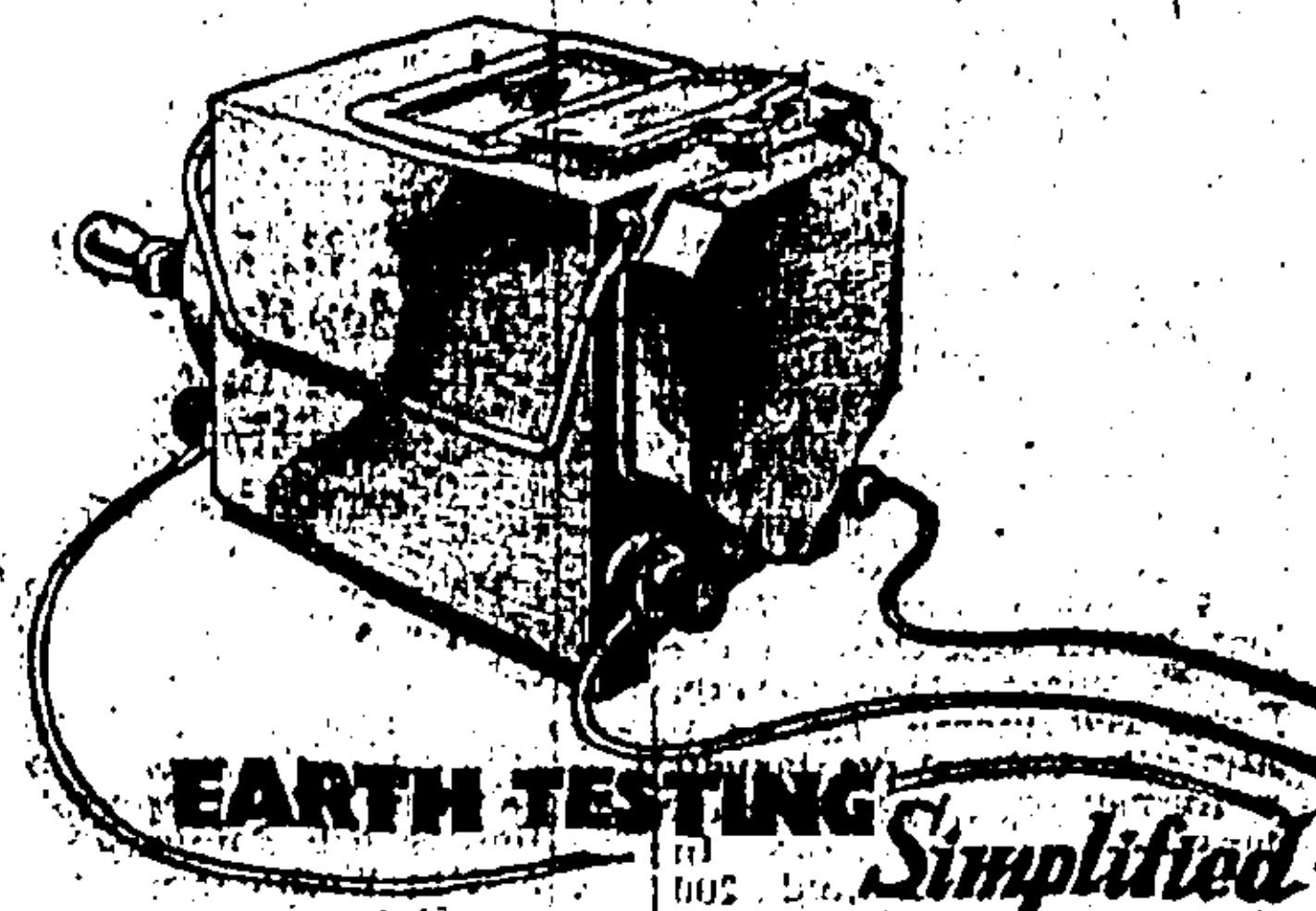
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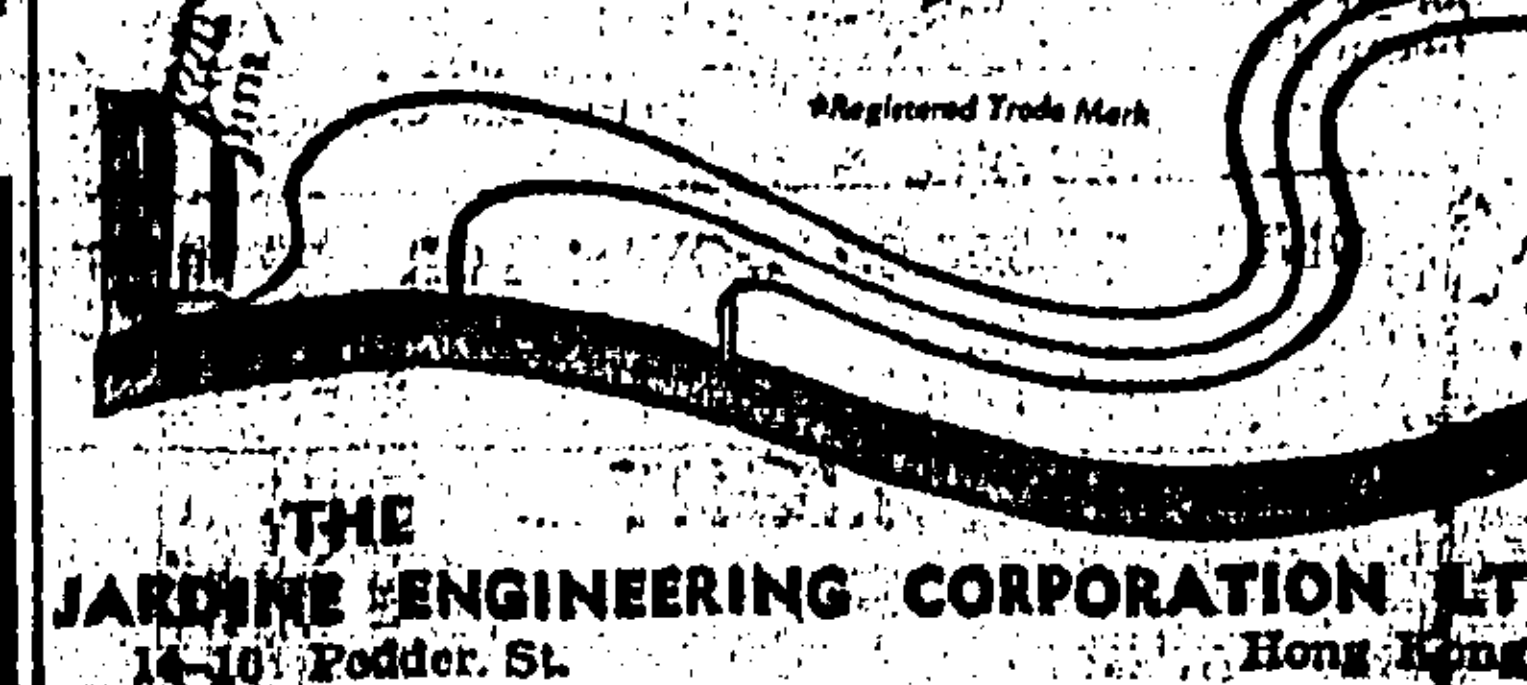
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Desert Rocket Trials

Canberra, June 7. The first trials with modern rockets will be held soon at the giant 1,200-mile rocket range in the Central Australian desert, Senator John Armstrong, Minister for Public Supply, has informed the Australian Defence Council, according to authoritative sources here today.

Senator Armstrong, who visited the range last week, added that the scope of the enterprise could not be appreciated by those who had not seen it.

Work on the range had been kept close to schedule despite manpower and material shortages and progress is satisfactory, he said.

It was begun two years ago and will eventually be extended over 1,600 miles of the Indian Ocean towards Christmas Island.

The Australian Defence Minister, Mr. John Duggan, told the press today that expenditure on Australia's five-year defence programme will be accelerated in the next three years.

"The Government is making financial provision in the defence programme for all that is physically possible for the service to accomplish under present economic conditions," he added.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Joseph B. Chifley, disclosed earlier today that the Council, which had discussed the increased defence programme, had examined progress reports on the rocket range, and studied machinery to co-ordinate industry in any national emergency.

Defence Pact

No final defence figure was fixed, according to five sources, but the increased funds would amount to about £18,000,000, bringing total expenditure of the five-year programme to about £226,000,000.

The 'Melbourne Sun's' Canberra correspondent said that the Council was told that Pakistan, Malaya and Ceylon are willing to join Australia and New Zealand in a regional defence pact for the Indian and Pacific Ocean areas.

The correspondent also said that the Council had discussed measures which could be taken by Australia if the British Government asked for assistance in the defence of Hong Kong.—Reuter.

TITO EXPELS HUNGARIANS

Belgrade, June 7. The Yugoslav Government today expelled four members of the Hungarian Legation in Belgrade for engaging in espionage activities and abusing their diplomatic privileges. Tanjug, the official Yugoslav news agency, reported tonight.

The Hungarians were ordered to leave the country within 48 hours.—Reuter.

EX-BARMAID HAS ANTS' SECRET

Bedford, June 8. A former barmaid is negotiating a contract to export millions of ants to the United States.

The contract, between American petshop interests and Mrs. Mary Brant of Bedford, would be a £42,500 a year job.

The ants belong to the Amber Meadow species. They toll away quickly in a glass enclosure, building little castles.

British antkeepers have bought up lots of them, and got good results in peony peepshows. In each exhibit a queen and 200 workers work and live about three years on a diet of water and honey.

Mrs. Brant claims to be the only person in the world who can train ants for such architectural work. She learned the

Paris, June 7. The "Big Four" Foreign Ministers again failed to make any progress on Berlin during a four-hour open session here tonight, delegates leaving the conference said. "It does not look too good," one United States delegate commented.

A French delegate told reporters that the Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr. Andrei Vyshinsky, will answer the Western plan for a revived four-Power Kommandatura and a newly elected united City Assembly at tomorrow's session of the Council.

The debate today revolved round the two sets of detailed proposals for four-Power rule in Berlin submitted by the U.S. Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, and Mr. Vyshinsky in the secret session.

Today's meeting—the 14th since the conference opened on May 23—followed three successive secret sessions which failed to produce any agreement on the Soviet and United States plans for Berlin.

Mr. Vyshinsky, who was the first to address today's session, spoke for some two hours (including translation time) during which he repeated and elaborated on the Soviet proposal.

Mr. Acheson said that the vital error of the Soviet proposal is that it brought within the veto power of one Commandant any act which the City authorities might take.

For France, Mr. Robert Schuman said that the Soviet proposal in fact leaves no power at all to the free decision of the Germans.

Mr. Ernest Bevin, British Foreign Minister, said that the divergence of view shows a relative of fundamental principles.

Vyshinsky Plan

Commenting on the detailed plan in which the Soviet proposal aims at power being reserved to the Kommandatura, he declared that this would mean that even the appointment of school teachers would be subject to the Kommandatura.

The same would apply to the police, Mr. Bevin said.

It is entirely contrary to traditions and ideas that the political should be subject to military interference.

Administration of the city is a non-political matter and the Ministers could not proceed on the basis of political interference.

"If you proceed on that basis then public life in Berlin would be in a state of complete uncertainty from day to day, from hour to hour," Mr. Bevin said.

Mr. Vyshinsky's 12-point plan for Berlin, presented in a secret session of the Council of Foreign Ministers and released tonight, calls for the re-establishment of four-Power Kommandatura rule in the German capital with retention of the unanimity principle which means the veto.

Claiming wide powers for the Kommandatura, the Soviet Plan also calls for free city-wide elections under four-Power control.

City Government

These would be carried out by an all-Party Commission of Germans with equal representation from the Soviet sector on the one hand and from the Western sectors combined on the other.

After the elections a City Government would be set up with full and adequate powers.

The Kommandatura would have control over such matters as public security (police), observance of the provisional constitution, appointment and dismissal of responsible personnel in

Meeting To Be Held In Frankfurt

Frankfurt, June 7. The three Western Military Governors have invited the Consultative Committee of German Minister-Presidents and Assembly leaders, formed in connection with the Paris conference, to meet them here tomorrow morning.

The Governors are due to arrive from Paris tonight. This will be the first official three-Power consultation with German representatives since the beginning of the conference.

No representatives of Western Berlin have yet been invited.

The Committee will consist of five members of the Bonn Assembly and four Prime Ministers.—Reuter.

Withdrawal Of Arabs Demanded

Cairo, June 7. "Al Misri," one of Cairo's leading morning papers, today called for an Arab withdrawal from the U.N. conciliation talks at Lausanne.

The call was made by Senator Mahmoud Abdul Fath, the publisher, in a front-page despatch from Lausanne.

Fath is a member of the opposition party in the Egyptian Senate.

He wrote that the Arabs then refused to negotiate further. He said that the Jews' conditions for the return of Arab refugees to their homes are incredible and unacceptable.

Senator Fath also attacked the Conciliation Commission, stating that despite the Commission's efforts to write the Arab delegations, the Arabs have kept a united front at Lausanne.—Associated Press.

Royal Navy's Northern Visit

Copenhagen, June 7. The 8,000-ton British cruiser HMS Superb is visiting Copenhagen with an escort of three destroyers.

The cruiser is commanded by Captain A. K. Scott-Moncrieff. Her Admiral W. R. Slayter is also on board.

HMS Superb will leave Copenhagen on June 13 for a short visit to Gothenburg, Sweden, before returning to Britain.

The British cruiser Cleopatra, commanded by Captain E. D. Hill, is visiting Esbjerg, Jutland, until June 18.—Associated Press.

NEW U.S. ARMY SECRETARY

Washington, June 7. President Truman has decided to nominate Mr. Gordon Gray as Secretary of the Army, it was stated officially today.

Mr. Gray, Under-Secretary of the Army, has been acting Secretary since the resignation of Mr. Kenneth C. Royall last month.—Reuter.

He will have the right to resume in whole or in part the exercise of full authority if they consider this essential to security or to preserve democratic government.—Reuter.

RUSSIA ACCUSED OF TAMPERING WITH THE MAILS

Berlin, June 7. The Western Allies today accused the Russians of opening practically all mail from Western Germany to Berlin.

They said they will bring in the mail hereafter by air to prevent pilfering and censorship.

Brigadier-General Frank Howley, American commandant, said the Russians presumably opened all letters and kept those they found interesting.

He showed reporters several letters from the Western Zones which had been opened en route to Berlin by rail.

General Howley disclosed that eight tons daily had been allocated to bring in further shipments of mail because the Soviets had failed to deliver mail shipments to Soviet Zone post offices and had opened practically all of it.

He added that the Western Allied Kommandatura today considered the Berlin strike situation, but took no action because it can be ended any time the Russians want to do it.

The U.S. representative implied that there will be no change in the 17-day-old rail strike until the Soviets have ordered the Soviet Zone railway administration to negotiate with the striking UGO union.

He said also that now that the railway management has offered to pay 60 per cent of the workers' wages in Western zones, the chief demand of the strikers appears to be recognition of their anti-Communist union.

Meanwhile German workers marched with banners to the North Rhine-Westphalia Parliament building in Düsseldorf to protest against Allied dismantling orders and the ban on some industries.

Blunders bore the words "We ask your help in our fight against dismantling" and "Help us keep our jobs".

Seven thousand workers in the dyestuffs factory of Castrop-Laue today decided to strike against the dismantling of their plant.

Workers at other factories in the Allied dismantling list are expected to join them.

Dr. Konrad Adenauer, President of the Bonn Parliamentary Council, told today's demonstrators here that the Western Allies' dismantling policy is untenable.

"We cannot accept the Western Allies' statements about dismantling," he said, "even though they have been described as final and approved by the three Foreign Ministers."

(The dismantling of German factories engaged in or capable of producing warlike stores was agreed on after the war by the four Powers. France and Britain desired in the interests of security a wider measure of dismantlement than the United States thought desirable. Eventually an agreed programme was drawn up).—United Press and Reuter.

MINISTRY'S MOVE IN RAIL STRIKE

London, June 7. The Ministry of Labour today took action on England's "every Sunday" unofficial railway strike by inviting the executives of the two unions involved to a Ministry conference tomorrow so that the position can be reviewed.

North Eastern railwaymen have struck for the past three Sundays in protest against new schedules compelling locomotive crews to spend nights away from home, and this week-end there were signs of the strike spreading to the West and North West regions.

So far they have ignored appeals from their union leaders to resume normal Sunday working, so that official negotiations can be opened.

The two executives—of the Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen, and the National Union of Railwaymen—are meeting in London today to consider their next move.

Union leaders fear that the Railway Executive—the controlling body of Britain's nationalised railways—may suspend the current wage negotiations until the Sunday strikes and the "go-slow"

action at certain goods depots are called off.

Britain's other major strike—the stoppages at Western ports in support of the Canadian Seamen's Union strike—spread today.

Two thousand more Liverpool dockers joined the 6,000 who have already been on strike there for the past 11 days, while about 70 seamen decided to support the dockers at strike-bound Avonmouth.

The crew of the Trojan Star, from which troops last week unloaded a cargo of 3,000 tons of refrigerated meat, said that they will not sail the vessel while Navy men are operating the lock gates.

About 1,500 of the 2,000 Bristol and Avonmouth dockers held a mass meeting this morning and decided unanimously to continue the strike.—Reuter.

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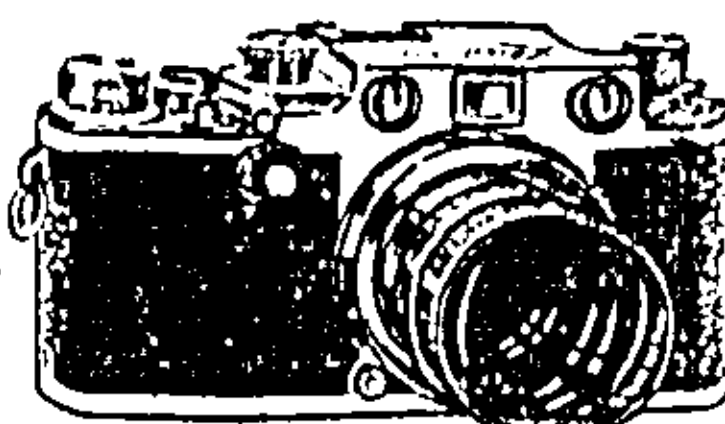
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POPULATION INCREASE IN UNITED KINGDOM

London, June 8.

This "tight little isle" is getting more crowded every year.

And it is mostly the old people who are taking up the space. The "65 and over" group make up 10.5 per cent of the population, as compared with only 7.4 per cent in 1931.

Government officials say the trend seems to be toward a population increase of about 1,000,000 every five years.

The total population of the United Kingdom—which takes in England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland—is estimated to have been 50,033,000 as of June, 1948. That in the latest figure available.

Officials say the population increased by over a 1,000,000 since 1944, by 2,000,000 since 1939, by 6,000,000 since 1921, and by about 40,000,000—or over 300 per cent—since 1800.

A higher birth rate and a steadily falling death rate are given as the main causes of this increase. It has been accompanied by a gradual increase in the average age of the population.

About the birth rate from 1932 onward one official said it rose slowly up to the outbreak of war after which all orderly movement was interrupted by the disturbed conditions of the war years.

MOVE ON TIBETAN BORDER

New Delhi, June 7.

Indian troops have taken over control of the mountain state of Sikkim, on the border of Tibet, to prevent a possible outbreak of violence, an official statement said today.

The troops are reported to be under the control of an Indian administrator. "Prolonged tension between the Maharajah of Sikkim and his Government threatened to erupt into disorder," the formal statement said.

It added that neither the Maharajah nor his Ministry would be able to control any such outbreak. Official sources disclosed that troops were sent to Sikkim on June 2 and occupied Gangtok, capital of the mountain state, after an Indian observer reported to New Delhi having returned the likelihood of bloodshed.

An Indian political officer reported later that the situation had become worse and advised India to assume immediate control of the state. Today's statement said the Maharajah had agreed to occupation. —United Press.

More Women

"Though the rate rose sharply after 1941, many births were postponed until after the war, and to their making good, the high rates of the post-war years are largely due. Until the disturbance was died away, it will be impossible to form any opinion as to the likely future trend of the birth rate."

He said migration is not a major factor in the population trend in the United Kingdom. Women still outnumber the men in Britain. But the females are not gaining any ground.

In 1948, the proportionate excess of women over men in the total population was just over six per cent.

One more statistic about the girls—they do not start outnumbering the boys until the late teens or early twenties. In other words, the sooner the girls get at it, the better their chances for getting married. —Associated Press.

BERMUDANS TURNING TO UNITED STATES

London, June 8.

Sir Richard Fairay, pioneer aviator and chairman of the Fairay Aviation Company, said today that powerful external influences are luring the British colony of Bermuda towards the United States.

Sir Richard, who recently arrived from Bermuda, told the Royal Empire Society that American press and radio propaganda is having a marked effect among Bermudans.

They are becoming critical of the British Socialist Government practices affecting their economy, he said.

American tourist trade has become the colony's economic mainstay and restrictive practices of the British Government have curtailed British exports, leading Bermudans to turn to American and Canadian goods, he said.

Sir Richard said the British Government's travel restrictions and facilities for students is another factor contributing to the spread of American influence in British West Indian colonies.

"This is perhaps the most important from the long range viewpoint because students who represent the future generation are flocking to the United States and Canada for education, they cannot get from Britain," Sir Richard said.

War Years

Lord Knollys, a former Governor of Bermuda, agreed that American influence became more pronounced in Bermuda during the war years.

He doubts, however, whether Bermuda's coloured population would choose to become American negroes.

"Bermudans look to the Americas more with their heads than with their hearts," Lord Knollys said. —United Press.

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BEST WAY TO AVOID A THIRD WORLD WAR

Washington, June 7.

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee has called for the ratification of the Atlantic Pact as the best way of avoiding a third world war.

To the suggestion that the United States should enter into similar pacts in the Middle East and the Pacific, the Committee said that the Government is not at present considering taking part in any other regional or defence arrangements.

"If we were to accept the same commitments on a worldwide basis, or in areas less vital to our national security, we might well run the danger of 'spreading ourselves too thin', the report said.

The Committee declared that the Atlantic Pact does not commit the United States to react to an attack on Paris or Copenhagen in the same way as to an attack on New York City.

Nor does the Pact give powers to the President that he does not already possess.

Reporting on the alliance the Committee said: "Nothing in the treaty, including the provision that an attack against one signatory should be considered an attack against all, increases or decreases the constitutional powers of either the President or Congress or changes the relationship between them."

In entering into the Atlantic Treaty the United States is acting

on the realization that an armed attack in the North Atlantic area is in effect an attack upon itself.

Main Purpose

The main purpose of the treaty, the Committee said, is the maintenance of peace and security.

"The freedom of decision as to what action each party shall take in no way reduces the importance of the commitment undertaken," the report said.

"What we may do to carry out that commitment, however, will depend upon our own independent decision in each particular instance reached in accordance with our constitutional processes."

Listing its reason for demanding ratification of the Pact the Committee said that it would free the minds of men in many nations from a haunting sense of insecurity and enable them to work and plan with confidence in

SICILY BASE STORY DENIED

Rome, June 7.

An American Embassy spokesman, today bluntly denied a Moscow radio charge that the U.S. will build important military bases in Sicily.

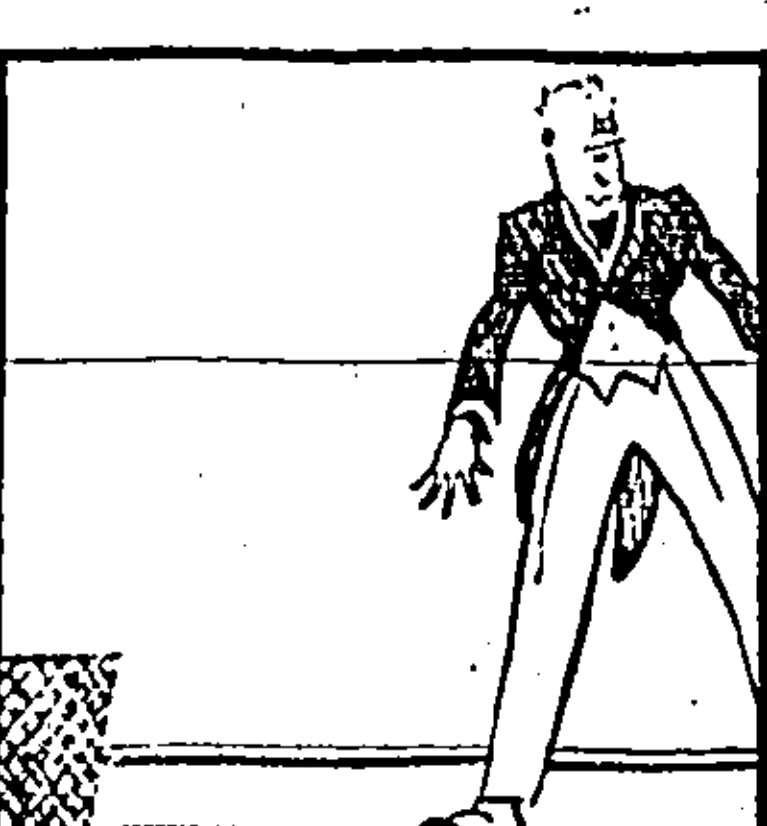
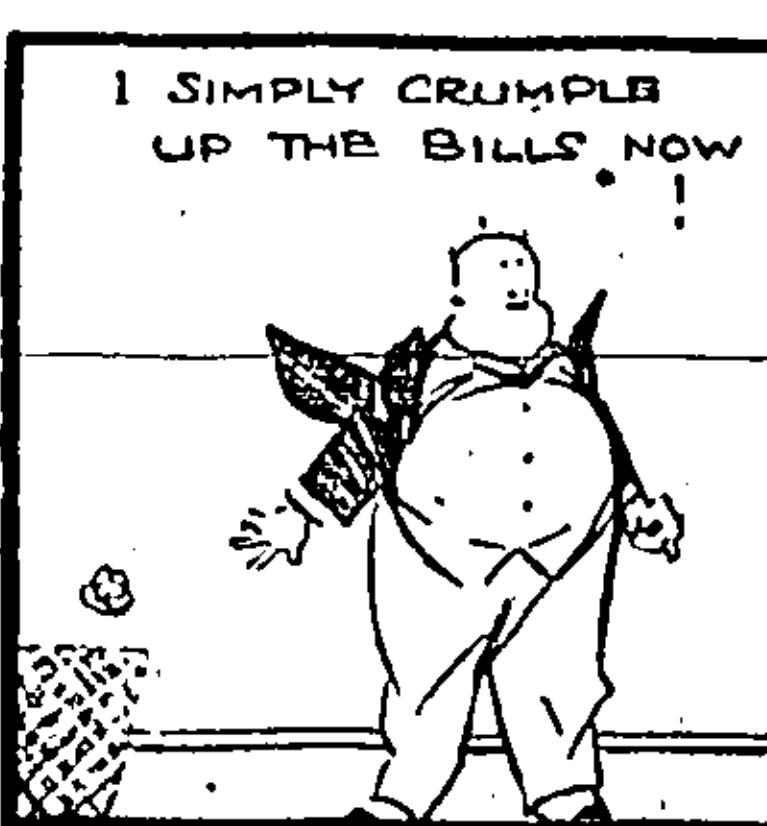
"It is a lot of nonsense," he said.

An Italian Foreign Ministry spokesman also denied the report. Moscow radio, monitored on Monday night by the Austrian agency in Trieste, claimed all bases would be built along Sicily's South coast and on the Islands of Lampedusa and Pelagos. —Associated Press.

the future, which is essential to economic recovery and progress. The treaty will greatly increase the determination of the North Atlantic States to resist aggression and their confidence that they can do so successfully."

By encouraging feelings of confidence and security the Pact will eventually make possible savings for the United States both in connection with the European Recovery Program and its own domestic military establishment. —Reuter.

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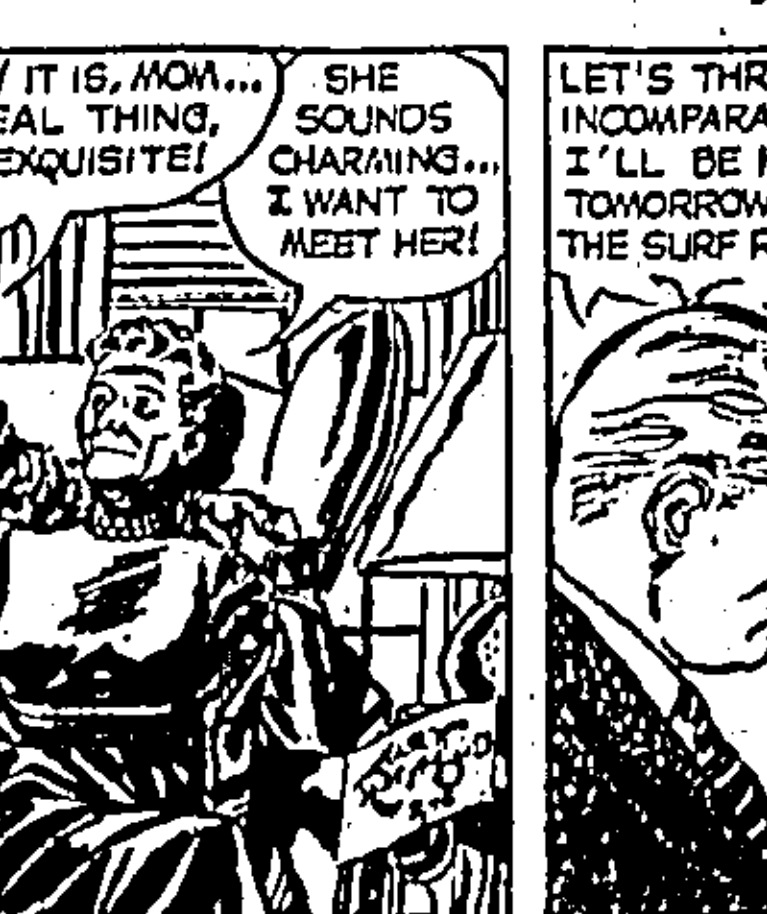
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7.55 a.m.—God Save the King. Programme Summary.
8.00 a.m.—World News and News Analysis. (London Relay)
8.15 a.m.—Dennis Noble with Massed Symphony Orchestra.
8.25 a.m.—Morning Melody by the Palladium Orchestra.
9.00 a.m.—Melodies from British Radio. (George Croy and His Orch. with Barbara Bunner. (BBC))
9.30 a.m.—Student News.
9.45 a.m.—London Radio Melodies. A Programme of Continuous music by the Melachino Strings, with Frederick Phillips (Guitar). (BBC)

10.15 a.m.—Patricia Rossborough (Piano) and Robinson Cleaver (Organ).
10.30 a.m.—"Come into the Parlour". Music and Songs from Northern Ireland. (BBC)

11.00 a.m.—A Morning Concert.
12.00 p.m.—Louis Levy and "His Music from the Movies"—Cole Porter Suite.
12.15 p.m.—Tangos and Rumbas.
12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.
12.35 p.m.—"From the Films."
1.00 p.m.—Duke Ellington and His Orchestra.
1.15 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.
1.25 p.m.—Interlude.
1.30 p.m.—"Orchestra of the Week". Orchi. de La Societe Des Concerts de Conservatoire.
2.00 p.m.—"Sweet Herenade". Peter York and His Concert Orchestra with Paula Green and Steve Conway (Vocal). (BBC)

2.45 p.m.—Music from Spain.
3.00 p.m.—"Off Fiddlers". A Mystery Play by Marion Glyde. (BBC)

3.30 p.m.—Carroll Gibbons and His Orchestra with Jane Lee (Vocal). (BBC)

4.00 p.m.—World News. (London Relay)
4.15 p.m.—Gilbert and Sullivan—"The Gondoliers". Directed under the direction of Rupert D'Oly Carte.
4.45 p.m.—Light Orchestral Selections.
5.00 p.m.—Programme Summary.
5.01 p.m.—"Down Beat Blues". Presented by Paul Stuart. (Studio)
5.30 p.m.—"La Demi-Heure Francophone". (Studio)
5.55 p.m.—"Trooping the Colour". Brian Johnston describes the Ceremony. (London Relay)
6.00 p.m.—World News and News Analysis. (London Relay)
6.15 p.m.—Giacar Franck: Symphonic Variations played by Eileen Joyce with the Orchi. de La Societe des Conservatoire, Paris.
6.30 p.m.—"ITMA". (BBC)

6.50 p.m.—"This Vale of Tears". A Welsh Comedy with Music by Cliff Gordon. (BBC)

7.10 p.m.—Peter York and His Concert Orchestra with Vocal by Peter Reid and Steve Conway.
7.30 p.m.—"Thursday Serenade". A Programme of Continuous Music.
7.45 p.m.—Radio News Reel. (London Relay)
7.55 p.m.—Weather Report and Summary of News from China.
8.00 p.m.—Close Down.

The Hong Kong Art Club's sketching party on Sunday will be held at Shaukiwan. Members are to assemble at Queen's Pier at 2.30 p.m.

A suit for \$11,254 against the Tajmahal Silk Store, of King's Theatre Building, by Solkraj Vansimal of 2 D'Aguilar Street, by virtue of alleged wrongful dismissal continued before the Chief Justice, Sir Leslie Gibson, at the Supreme Court yesterday.

The plaintiff claims the sum as salary and board and lodging due to him under a contract of service dated July 14, 1947. The defendant firm maintains that Vansimal withdrew from employment on his own volition.

Mr. D'Alton instructed by Hastings and Company is representing the plaintiff. The Tajmahal Silk Store is represented by Mr. Percy Chen on the instructions of Mr. A. S. Ross.

Vansimal's case is that he had been taken into employment in India prior to his signing of the agreement contract. On July 12 he came to Hong Kong to work at the Tajmahal Silk Store, where he worked as a salesman for 200 rupees a month.

Plaintiff claimed that later, however, he was employed to do some menial work by the management of the firm, and that one day he was given 30 hours to quit the place. This he did, and went over to the Bombay Silk Store to work. Mr. S. Narain proprietor of the

Weather Of May

The most notable feature of the weather during May was the considerable deficit of rain which was only 41 per cent of normal. Although rainfall was recorded on 10 days, moderately large falls occurred on only four days, and on only one of these, May 23, was the rainfall heavy.

It was associated with thunderstorms which started during the afternoon of that day and persisted until midday on May 24. A total of 63 mms. were recorded over this short period, more than half the total for the month.

Temperatures were above normal mainly due to a warm spell in the latter half of the month which offset the effects of three cool spells during the first half.

The maximum temperature was 89.0°F on May 31, and the minimum 68.8°F on May 16.

Cloudiness and relative humidity were exactly normal. No extremes of either element occurred, and it is perhaps surprising that a complete cloud cover did not occur on any day, nor was any day completely cloudless.

Mean values and departures for the month were:—
Sunshine, 163.5 hours (6.6 hours above normal); Rainfall, 116.0 mms. (160.7 mms. below normal); Cloudiness, 76 per cent (normal); Relative Humidity, 84 per cent (normal). Mean maximum temperature 83.8°F. (1.9°F above normal); Mean temperature 78.8°F. (1.7°F above normal); Mean minimum temperature, 75.2°F. (1.4°F above normal); Dew point temperature, 73°F. (1°F above normal).

Tajmahal Silk Store, denied the allegations, stating that the plaintiff did not perform his work very satisfactorily. Narain also claimed that Vansimal himself quit the place after giving notice.

At yesterday's hearing, an employee of the Tajmahal Silk Store, Kitaran Kundam, gave evidence for the defence, in the course of which he stated that he knew plaintiff and shared a room with him at the house of the proprietor, S. Narain.

At the beginning of April last year, he went on, there was an occasion when the goods in the storeroom were found to be in dirty condition and poor order.

Narain then pointed out to plaintiff the condition of the store, to which Vansimal, it is alleged, replied that he was not the only one that came into the storeroom.

Job In Kowloon
In reply to a question, witness said he never saw Vansimal do any menial work at all.

Next day, Kundam continued, the plaintiff told him that he had given the proprietor of the store, one month's notice to quit and that Narain had replied that he could leave any time he wanted.

Witness said plaintiff did not go to work after that though he still lived in Narain's house for some time after. Plaintiff eventually got a job at the Daynam Silk Store, Kowloon.

Under cross-examination from Mr. D'Alton, witness denied having worked under the plaintiff. He was in charge of the accounts, he said, but Vansimal had nothing to do with them.

After another shop assistant of the Tajmahal Silk Store had given evidence for the defence, hearing was adjourned until 10 a.m. on June 27.

STOLE CLOTH IN STREET

On a charge of stealing a roll of cloth and on an additional charge of returning from deportation, Li Mui was sentenced to 12 months and to be deported for life by Mr. Wickes at Kowloon yesterday.

Inspector Oren said that on Tuesday the complainant, Chan Kwal, was selling his goods at Reclamation Street. Defendant went up to the store and stole a roll of cloth valued at \$40. Defendant was seen by a constable and was arrested.

It was during the conversation between a client and complainant that defendant took the opportunity to steal.

JAP GOODS PILING UP

Tokyo, June 8.
Japanese manufactured goods and raw materials are piling up in warehouses with no buyers in sight, according to the Kyodo news agency. The agency blames the stagnancy in Japanese exports since the establishment of the foreign rate of exchange at 360 yen to one U.S. dollar, a month ago.

Sundries, raw silk, cotton textiles and iron and steel manufactures make up the bulk of the rising stockpiles. This development has tied up industrial capital, creating a monetary stringency, which business circles are attempting to solve by bank loans.—Reuter.

Around The Harbour

The luxury liner President Wilson of the American President Lines will definitely call at Shanghai when she leaves the Colony on June 13.

This was officially announced by the local APL office last evening.

Passengers possessing the necessary entrance documents will be accepted.

The President Wilson is due to arrive here from the United States on June 12.

It was also announced that the ss President Madison which arrived here yesterday will call at the Chinese Communist port in accordance with previously published schedules.

The Dutch seamer Van Spilbergen made her last cruise yesterday as she steamed from Kowloon Bay to the Colony's Scrap Dump at Lanchow.

After more than 40 years of seafaring, the veteran coaster was brought here from the East Indies at the beginning of this week, to be handed over to the Chiap Hua Manufactory, the largest and pioneer in Hong Kong's mild steel bar rolling industry, which will break up the craft to augment its stocks of steel.

The 2,033-ton vessel was built in 1908 and had served with the KPL Line faithfully for nearly the past half century.

Grimy and with visible signs of old age, the Van Spilbergen sailed with a skeleton crew to Lanchow.

From her net tonnage of 2,033 tons, at least 1,500 tons of mild steel bars can be produced, which are consumed locally.

A message from the master of the Dutch steamer Tjibadane reported that the vessel was encountering strong head winds and would probably enter port early this morning.

The Tjibadane, the first foreign ship to clear officially for Communist Shanghai from the Colony, is reported to have aboard more than 300 passengers, about 300 tons of cargo and some mails.

Whether there are foreigners aboard has not yet been determined.

It was learned that most of the Chinese are Northern Chinese.

The Tjibadane, another RIL vessel, is due to leave for Shanghai tomorrow.

The Panamanian tanker Ram River is due to leave today for Shanghai with more than 16,000 tons of fuel for the Shanghai Power Company.

Possession Of Arms

Two Chinese men, Cheung Shiu and Ng Po-sik, appeared before Mr. Blair Kerr at Kowloon yesterday on a charge of possession of arms. Second defendant was additionally charged with possession of dangerous goods.

Inspector Douglas Taylor told the Court that the police, acting on information received, raided an unnumbered hut in Cheuk Yuen Village and there found the arms hidden.

Second defendant said that he picked up the two revolvers at the Standard Oil installation and took them home. He wanted to sell the revolvers as scrap iron.

Inspector Taylor said that it is a serious matter trying to sell revolvers. It is very undesirable should the revolvers get into the hands of bad characters. He asked the magistrates to take a serious view of the case.

Both defendants were sentenced to one year's imprisonment.

RECOGNITION OF REDS ISSUE

London, June 8.
The Russian Foreign Minister, Mr. Andrei Y. Vyshinsky, may raise the question of recognising the Chinese Communist regime at the Paris Big Four Foreign Ministers' conference.

Conference quarters in Paris, advised of the report, said that such a move almost certainly would be rebuffed by the Western Foreign Ministers on the ground that it is outside the scope of the present meeting.—United Press.

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